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Duluth student rentals often remain unlicensed

By JULIE RAUSCHER
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GUEST CONTRIBUTORS

About 27 percent of student rentals in Duluth are unlicensed and uninspected, according to a recent study done by a UMD journalism class. Mayor Herb Bergson and city officials agree that the problem lies with current budget troubles that are keeping the city from enforcing the rules properly.

The city of Duluth requires that all rental housing pass a building safety inspection and be licensed by the city.

Over the past few weeks, the journalism class conducted a study of 200 random properties that are currently being rented out to UMD students by studying computer files and inspection documents. Of these 200 homes, 55 either held licenses that were expired or had never been licensed as rentals.

Of those 55 unlicensed homes, most did not appear to be relative homesteads. A relative homestead is a property owned by the parents of one or more of the tenants and possibly rented to other tenants. Relative homesteads have not been required to be licensed until recently, which may have caused a higher number of non-licensed homes.

The city is well aware of the

inspections.

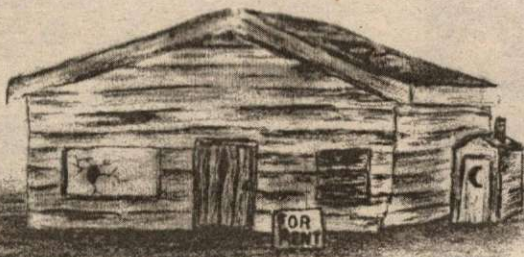
"Right now we are about five years behind because the inspections office is down to half the staff that they need," said Bergson.

For example, the file of one home in Duluth shows that it is currently being rented out to students and has not been inspected for safety since 1983 -- that's 22 years.

According to the building safety office, rentals should be inspected once every three years. Fire hazards, bad wiring, cockroaches and other dangerous and unsanitary conditions could be present in the house.

A survey conducted by the journalism class questioned 170 students about their rental facilities. The survey found that 123 students were clueless as to whether or not their houses were

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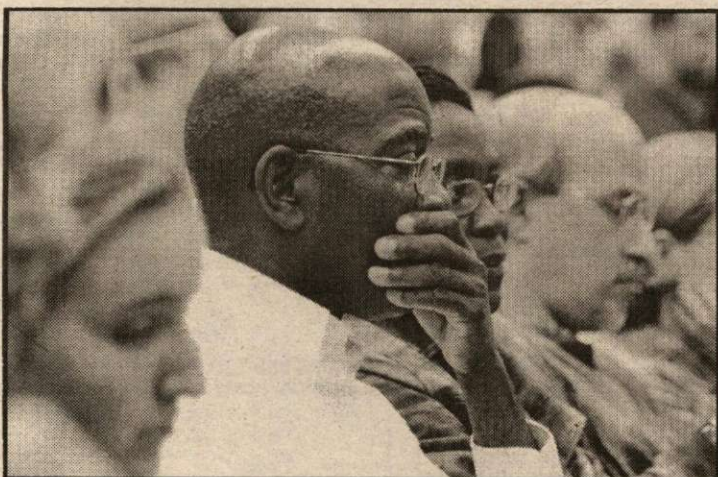


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(Above) UMD's Anishinaabe Student Organization held a powwow in the indoor hockey rink last Saturday, April 16. The event was free and open to the public.

(Left) Salvadorian dancers performed at the 16th annual Latin Festival held last Saturday, April 16, in the Kirby Ballroom. Many members of the UMD community came out to taste the authentic food and watch the artful musicians play.

Mayor says Holocaust program painful, but necessary, reminder



KEITH GRAUMAN/UMD STATESMAN

Members of the audience react to the stories told by Eugenie Mukeshimana, a Rwandan genocide survivor and David Gewirtzman, a Holocaust survivor on Monday.

By JP LEIDER
STAFF REPORTER

Eugenie Mukeshimana, a Rwandan genocide survivor and refugee, and David Gewirtzman, a Holocaust survivor, spoke to hundreds in a packed lecture hall Monday as the final part of UMD's 12th annual Baeumler-Kaplan Holocaust Commemoration Program.

By the end of their presentation, "Holocaust and Genocide, Past and Present," which concentrated on their personal experiences with genocide, Gewirtzman and Mukeshima-

na had brought many to tears and everyone to their feet.

"It is an important message that needs to get across: how people interact with each other," said Robert Baeumler, whose father is the series' namesake. "Rwanda is an important story that needs to be told. Lessons supposedly learned from WWII are still occurring."

Several speakers during the evening, including Duluth Mayor Herb Bergson, echoed Baeumler's sentiments.

"Not being Jewish, I can't imagine how it is for those

who are," Bergson said. "[The Holocaust is] important to remember. It's not pleasant, but it's important."

Bergson then issued a statement declaring the week of April 17 as Days of Remembrance for Victims of the Holocaust.

Superior Mayor David Ross issued a similar declaration.

The annual series featured films and speakers who addressed the Holocaust, according to a UMD press release. This year's incorporation of

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Demstock touts local politics

By JP LEIDER
STAFF REPORTER

With fighting political apathy as their objective and free food and music as their bait, UMD's College Democrats hooked students into Demstock '05 yesterday to emphasize the importance of democracy in local politics.

They held Demstock to fight the apathy they feel is prevalent among many college students, according to Eric Bjerva, the president.

"Students need to realize how much power they hold in a place like UMD," he said. "The campus, with one voice, could change how the town operates."

Duluth Mayor Herb Bergson, who spoke at Demstock, expressed similar wishes.

"I want them to get involved in local campaigns of people who are doing the things they were elected to do and representing college students," said Bergson in an interview.

In his speech to a little over 20 students, Bergson cited Duluth's "record turnout" in last November's presidential election. According to Bergson, 92 to 93 percent of Duluthians voted.

Some estimates place UMD students' turnout at up to 80 percent.

Bergson asked students to

continue being excited about politics and spoke strongly about several partisan topics, expressing mostly moderate to liberal sentiments.

"I really believe that in a lot of ways we're headed in the wrong direction," he said. "This generation has to fix what my generation broke. Honestly, it's not just Republicans, but some Democrats, too."

Bergson attributed many problems to special interests, shady political contributions and bad policy choices.

"George Washington is rolling over in his grave looking at the way things are going," he said. "[We are] spending bil-

ions on a war and there is little or nothing for social programs. There's never enough for jobs or the homeless."

Although mayoral positions don't normally carry party affiliations, most students in attendance didn't seem to mind, including Dave Hauer, a self-described moderate.

"It doesn't bother me that [Bergson] is partisan. Everyone swings one way or another, so it's ridiculous to hide it," Hauer said. "More politicians should be that open."

Though Bergson's strongly worded and well-received speech turned attention to politics, much of the rest of Demstock wasn't as politically oriented.

Free hotdogs, chips and music were the main focus for many attendees.

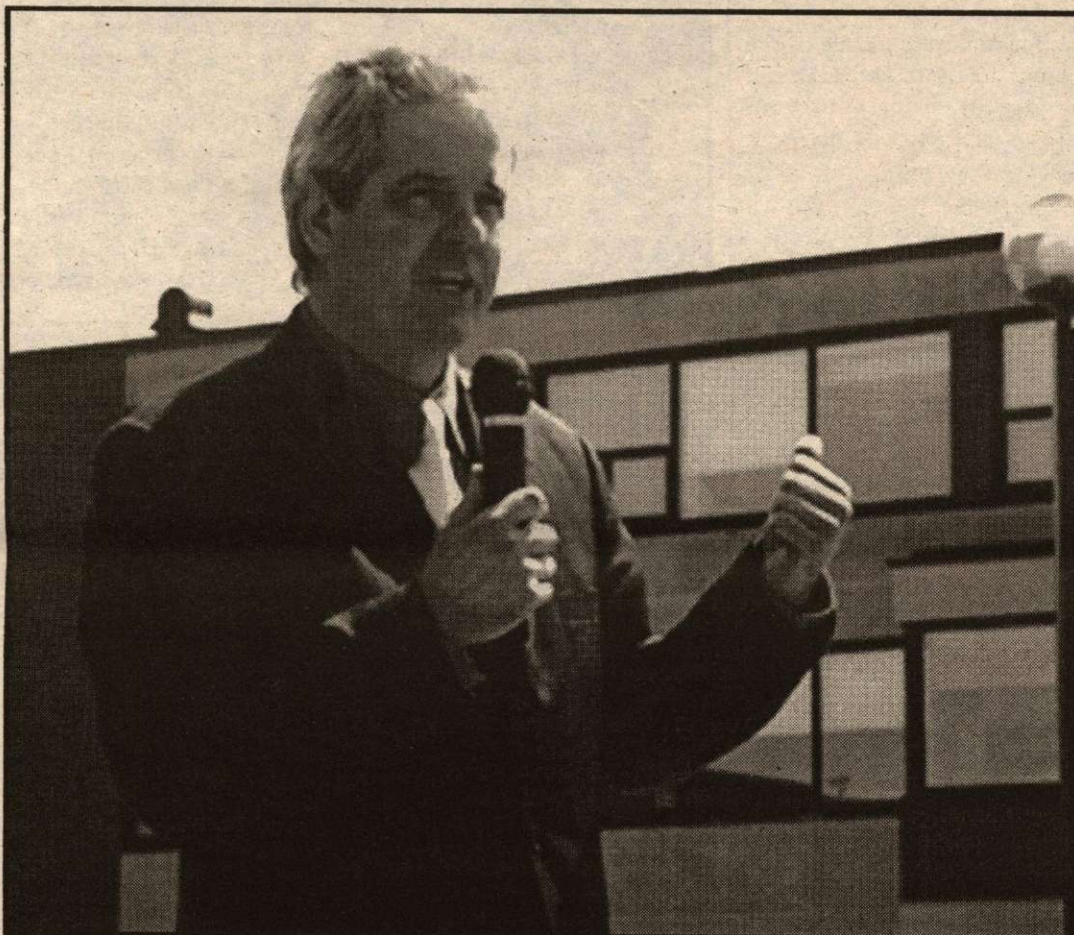
The laid-back atmosphere was intentional, Bjerva said.

"Through this really relaxed setting, people can realize that politics is everywhere."

The College Democrats hope to inspire people to become interested in not just national or statewide politics, but local politics as well.

"Duluth politics are extremely important, almost more important than national politics because great change can be affected relatively easily as compared to a national level," Bjerva said.

The College Democrats hope to increase voter turnout among student-heavy districts in the local elections this fall.



KEITH GRAUMAN/UMD STATESMAN

Duluth Mayor Herb Bergson spoke to students in Ordean Court at UMD yesterday, emphasizing the importance of taking part in local politics. Mayor Bergson also touched on national problems that he attributed to both political parties.

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Make sure your new place isn't falling apart at the beams

By NICOLE HORNE
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Just because a landlord is willing to rent you a room or a house doesn't mean it's safe or clean. Here are some things you might want to check out for yourself before signing a lease agreement.

- Does every room have at least two working electrical outlets or one working electrical outlet and permanent light fixture?

- Is there broken, frayed or improper wiring exposed?

- Do all the windows and doors have working locks?

- Is there a working oven and range or top burners?

- Is the toilet in an enclosed area?

- Is there at least one working smoke detector on each floor of the unit?

- Do all stairwells with more than four steps have a handrail?

- If there is a balcony or porch 30 inches or more above the ground, is there a railing around the entire structure?

- What is the condition of the roof and gutters? Do roofs or gutters sag, indicating the potential for structural collapse?

- Is the heating system capable of delivering enough heat for the unit size, based on the climate where the house is located?

- What does the water look like coming out of the faucets? Corrosion of the pipes can cause high levels of rust in and contamination of drinking water.

- Are there any apparent major leaks? Can you see any watermarks on the ceiling?

- Is there an acceptable fire exit for each room? If the unit is on the first or second floor there has to be a large enough window that allows easy

access to the ground. Other acceptable exits include a back door opening onto a porch with a stairway leading to the ground, fire escapes, ladders and stairs.

- Is there a heavy accumulation of debris, discarded furniture or garbage that is not temporarily stored waiting for removal in the unit? Some landlords keep broken refrigerators, heaters or other furniture in unused portions of the units they own. This accumulation must not be more than one individual could pick up in an hour or two. If it is, rodents may also decide to move in -- rent free.

Courtesy of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Inspection Form.

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Neighbors concerned about loud parties and trash at student homes

By DAN MEYER
NEWS EDITOR

Representatives from Better Neighbors met with the Campus Neighbors organization Monday night to hash out ways to improve relations between students living off campus and their non-student neighbors.

The major issues touched on during the two-hour meeting were student housing conditions, the amount of trash in the vicinity of students' residences and the responsibility of the administration in the behavior of

students living off campus.

Better Neighbors, a UMDSA organization with the goal of setting up communication between off-campus students and their non-student neighbors, hosted seven members of Campus Neighbors in the Solon Campus Center.

Campus Neighbors is a group of non-student residents who hold monthly meetings involving students living in residential areas. It is a group of residents who try to solve their issues with college students, according to Dan

Hartman, former director of Better Neighbors.

Better Neighbors has been meeting with the Campus Neighbors group for about two years, said Hartman in an interview, and the purpose of the meetings is to hear what grievances the residents have with the students.

The first topic brought up after introductions was the furniture pick-up in May, the timing of which John Vigen, a member of Campus Neighbors, was skeptical of.

The furniture pick-up,



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Sandy Robinson and Peter Handberg listen in on the discussion between representatives from Better Neighbors and Campus Neighbors. The two groups didn't see eye to eye on every issue, but they all sought a compromise.

which is sponsored by Better Neighbors, should be extended to the end of May so that students who move out later can participate, said Vigen. Currently, the pick-up is scheduled for May 2-18.

Kari Johnson, the new director of Better Neighbors, explained to the residents her plans for the future of the Better Neighbors program, which included recruiting more people, making it an independent student organization and expanding its services to surveying student housing in Duluth and certifying "good" landlords.

Vigen continued on the issue of student housing conditions, telling stories of students he'd met who lived in dilapidated housing but were unable to get out of their lease. He mentioned that Campus Neighbors could serve as a clearinghouse for students who

are wondering whether their house or apartment is licensed and legal.

One topic that really riled up the residents at the meeting was the trash in the neighborhoods that they attributed solely to student-rented buildings.

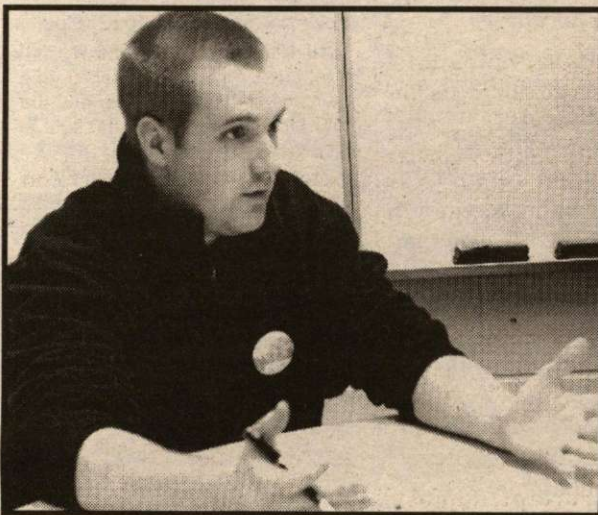
Patrice Bradley, who lives on East Fifth Street, told of a house where the students had cleaned prior to an impending parental visit and left the trash in their driveway, which happened to be right next to Bradley's property.

"Five weeks later," Bradley said, "and the trash is still there."

One way to help alleviate the problem, according to the group, would be to have Better Neighbors partner up with residents in organizing neighborhood clean-ups.

The representatives of Better Neighbors, which included Sean Bell and

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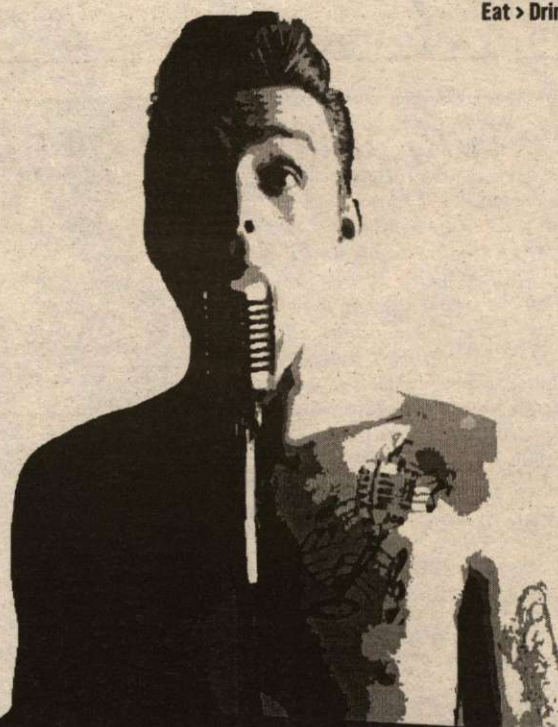
Dan Hartman, former director of Better Neighbors, gives his opinion as the two groups discuss issues about students living in neighborhoods.

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Target restricts sales of pseudoephdrines

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Target Corp. became the first national discount retailer to announce sweeping restrictions on the sale of cold medicines used to make the illegal stimulant methamphetamine.

Within two to three months Target stores across the country will pull many cold, allergy and cough remedies -- including Sudafed and Nyquil -- and sell them only from behind pharmacy counters, the company announced Monday.

The products won't be sold by about 300 Target stores that don't have pharmacies. Target operates 1,330 stores in 47 states and is the nation's second largest discount retailer after Wal-Mart.

The move to restrict the sale of medications containing pseudoephedrine was immediately hailed by legislators and law enforcement officers who call meth abuse one of the nation's most serious threats to public safety.

Minneapolis-based Target already has a policy of restricting customers to two packages of drugs that contain pseudoephedrine, a key meth ingredient, said spokeswoman Carolyn Brookter.

The policy is similar to those of rivals Walgreen Co., Rite-Aid Corp. and Kmart Corp. Representatives of those companies said they had no plans to take the cold medications off the store shelves, except in states where it's required.

National chains face an increasingly complicated patchwork of regulations, with six states requiring the over-the-counter drugs with pseudoephedrine to be sold from pharmacies alone and seven others making retailers lock up the products or sell them only from staffed counters.

Target expects its sales of the medicines to drop when the policy takes effect, Brookter said. The restrictions will apply to all over-the-counter drugs containing pseudoephedrine, including children's medicines, tablets, liquids and gel-caps.

Target is also developing an electronic log, which will be used in states where retailers are required to track purchases of the medicines.

A Wal-Mart spokeswoman didn't immediately return three phone messages.

A uniform policy could simplify operations for a national chain, said Mary Ann Wagner, vice president of Pharmacy Regulatory Affairs at the National Association of Chain Drug Stores.

She added that it was too early to predict whether other chains would follow Target's lead.

In January 2004, Hy-Vee Inc., a West Des Moines, Iowa-based retailer with about 220 Midwestern stores, moved 20 popular cold products containing pseudoephedrine behind pharmacy and service counters in its Iowa stores and asked customers for their names during purchases. Sales fell 20 percent to 30 percent on those medications.

"It added a level of accountability for the customer," Hy-Vee spokeswoman Ruth Comer said. "They had to actually talk to somebody face-to-face and give a name."

Legislatures in 22 states, including Minnesota, are considering restrictions on the sale of cold medicines after strict measures in Oklahoma dramatically reduced meth lab seizures. Last week, the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs said lab busts dropped from 121 in January 2004, before the law passed, to just 20 in December.

On the federal level, Sens. Norm Coleman, R-Minn., and Mark Dayton, D-Minn., are co-sponsors of legislation that would require consumers to talk to a pharmacy worker and show photo ID before buying pseudoephedrine-containing medicines. Both legislators commended Target on Monday.

In rural Olmsted County in southeastern Minnesota, Sheriff Steve Borchardt said meth was "the number one drug problem across the nation." His department alone busted "dozens" of small meth labs last year. He applauded Target's announcement.

"The only way to control that problem is to control the essential precursor drugs," Borchardt said.

But John Terrill, a spokesman for the Washington-based National Association of Police Organizations, said the restrictions won't prevent those intent on making meth from getting their hands on pseudoephedrine.

Methamphetamine, a powerfully addictive stimulant, has been spreading throughout the country in recent years. Minnesota authorities busted more than 500 illegal meth labs in 2003, three-quarters of them in rural areas. But the drug, which can't be made without pseudoephedrine, is reaching into suburbs and cities.

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Molly Duepner
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10.4% of respondents indicated they heard a student make insensitive or disparaging remarks about women at least 10 or more times

Source: 2002 UMD Campus Climate Assessment for Underrepresented Groups



Ad campaign presented by the UMD Diversity Commission

Business students learn about ethics

By HEATHER TROW
STAFF REPORTER

Stuart Williams, a financial analyst with a Harvard MBA, spoke at UMD to help students identify ethically challenged companies and make them think about ethics in relation to investment careers and dilemmas last Thursday.

Williams spoke to the UMD School of Business and Economics about investment analysis and ethics in the business world.

Williams, who has been in investment business for 15 years, provided numerous insights into the current business situation and past business experiences.

The topics Williams spoke about during the 12:30 p.m. finance class included; ethical challenges that he has faced during his business experience, insider trading scandals,

advice about investment and business practices and industries that are commonly fraudulent.

In the evening, a reception was held at the Kitchi Gammi Club, at which William's presented how to spot crooked companies to the financial community.

Williams' greatest piece of advice for students entering the business world is to read a few books about investment and then find other book recommendations in that book, read those and continue that pattern. Continue pursuing reading materials, read 10 books all together.

"If you read 10 books, you will have read more than everyone else in the investment business, which is a huge edge. They haven't read 10 books," Williams said.

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UMD Students recognized for hard work

Several UMD students have been awarded for a variety of achievements for the 2004-2005 University of Minnesota Awards.

Sieur du Luth Award

Dan Hartman

Josh Jacobsen

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NRRI boasts best technology in Northland

By HILLARY HEINZ
GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

If you passed through the Tweed Museum of Art last November through December or checked out the UMD TechFest on April 1, then perhaps the Northern Lights Technology Center rings a bell.

This UMD research lab, located many miles north of campus at the Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRI), brings together technology and design in a

state-of-the-art process called design and rapid prototyping. This process can create models, prototypes, artistic renderings and short-run parts for industrial engineers and entrepreneurs alike.

"It's like 'The Jetsons,'" said June Kallestad, information representative. "Beep-beep-beep, and out it comes. Well, actually it's a little more complicated."

Northern Lights Technology Center, which opened two

years ago, is home to the four newest machines and services the prototype industry has to offer.

Kallestad explained the four different machines, which include the stereolithography machine, the fused deposition modeling system, 3-D printing and selective laser sintering (SLS). This technology is unique to the Northland, as it is the only of its kind outside of the Twin Cities area.

The center just ended a

partnership with a private company from Minneapolis called General Pattern. The company offered the Duluth location clients including Gillette, Polaris and Electrolux, and also staff training with the machines and computer technology. This Duluth location was one of many to General Pattern, who are also located in Detroit, London, Birmingham and Cologne.

These machines can process computer-aided design (CAD) files for its clients, and then use a layering technique to solidify the representation. This is where each machine varies.

"They are all good for different purposes," Kallestad said. "The stereolithography can make the smallest prototypes."

This is because the machine can create the thinnest layers. Each plastic resin layer created on this machine can be .05 millimeters thick. The texture of the prototype can also vary depending on the material used.

This technology isn't just limited to industry work, either. It can be used for virtually anything.

"A sample parking ramp could be made for architects, or the SLS can make such a tight weave with the plastic

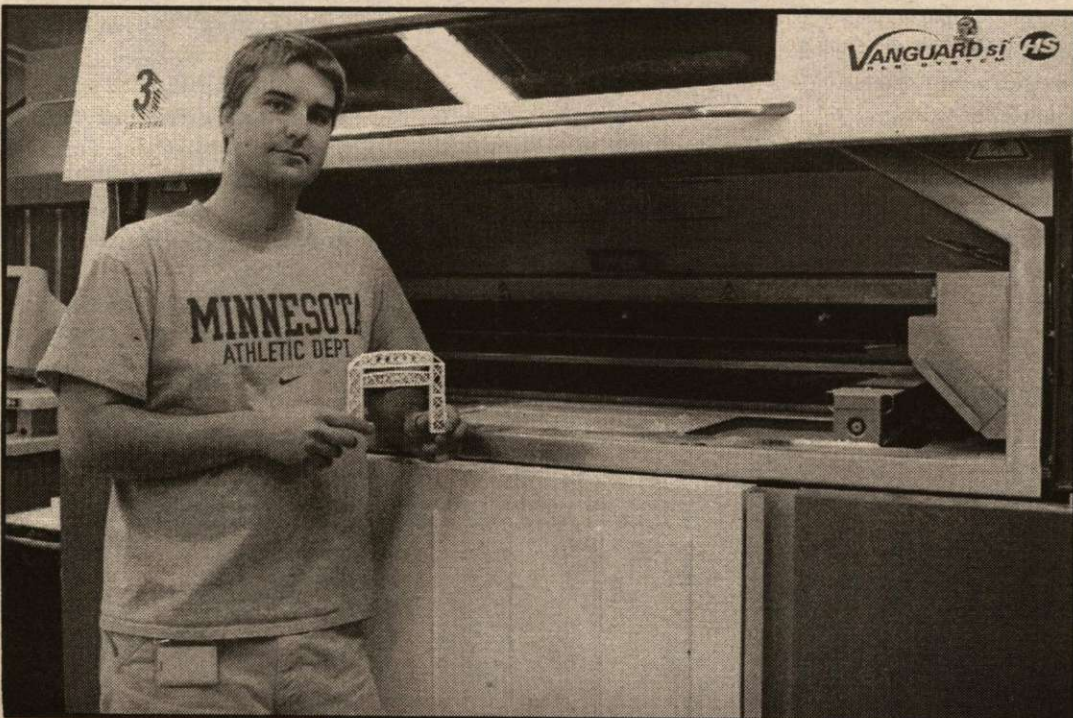
that it can make a vest," said Kallestad.

Rapid Prototyping also has the ability to make a representation of an artist's imagination.

Chicago artist Francis Yeatts Whitehead's artwork was displayed at the Tweed during an exhibit called New Math: Contemporary Art and Mathematical Instinct. Here, her poppy flower sculptures could be viewed, which were made using rapid prototyping technologies on the fused deposition modeling system. The poppy flowers were created by transforming natural forms into xyz coordinates, and then to numerical information in the computer. The New Math exhibit ended in December.

This new artwork does, however, come at a cost.

"It's about \$20 per hour on the machines," said Bjorn Ojard, CAD engineer. This price isn't counting CAD services or materials.



HILLARY HEINZ/GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

Engineer Bjorn Ojard holds a prototype of Duluth's aerial lift bridge created by the Selective Laser Sintering machine at the Northern Lights Technology Center. The center is located at the NRRI and is home to the Northland's only prototype center.

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Free Democracy Summit II uses education, arts to inspire

Events include street party, music, educational panels and a fund-raising chili dinner with author Jim Hightower.

By TYLER NELSON
STAFF REPORTER

The second annual Free Democracy Summit, dedicated to celebrating the roots of democracy by using music, art and education, kicks off tomorrow evening in downtown Duluth.

The summit, organized by MPIRG and the UMD American Democracy Project, begins with a welcome dinner at the YWCA from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. which is free and open to the public.

The dinner will feature appearances by award-winning poet Dr. Mary Weems; president of the Center for Civic Participation, Mark Ritchie; and Steven Miles, a UMTC Bioethics professor who was the first to document the involvement of military healthcare workers in the abuse of the Abu Ghraib prisoners and the alleged abuse of Guantanamo Bay detainees.

During the Free Democracy Summit, the night belongs to music. Over the course of the weekend, 30 acts will perform at various downtown venues including the Tap Room, Fitter's Brewhouse, the Red Star, the NorShor Theatre and RT Quinlan's Saloon. Each night the music starts at 9 p.m.

Starting Saturday morning, panel discussions and presentations will be held at Harbor City School on West Michigan Street. Local activists, organizers and intellectuals will talk about such topics as education, media consolidation, peak oil -- which explains what will happen when the world's oil supply runs out -- journalism, racism, fascism, sexism and various other "ism's."

Several UMD faculty members and organizers will be participating. These sessions, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., are free and open to the public.

During the lunch break at Harbor City International School, an art opening will be held featuring politically and socially inspired artwork.

As the panels and presentations leg of the summit wraps up, the street festival will commence. From 4 to 7 p.m., people can enjoy local shopping, street acrobats, jugglers, musicians, food and art in front of the NorShor Theatre on Superior Street. The street festival will culminate with an appearance by Jim Hightower, best-selling author and noted rouser of rabbles.

After the street festival, ev-

everyone is invited to join Hightower for chili and cornbread at Chester Creek Café on Eighth Street. Seating is limited, so willing participants are urged to register online or show up early. The democracy is free, but the cost of the dinner is \$15 for students if bought in advance and \$20 at the door. Non-students pay \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door.

On Sunday, after an interfaith service and pancake brunch, workshops and training about democracy will be provided. The workshops will cover topics such as effective and logical activism, working with the media and activism for beginners. The sessions will run from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Harbor City School.

For a detailed schedule of events, music and venues, and to reserve a place for the welcome dinner or dinner with Jim Hightower visit www.freedemocracysummit.org.

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UMD students raise money to fight cancer

By JAIME BERGLUND
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UMD students are walking to find a cure for cancer this Friday night in the 2005 Relay for Life.

The Relay for Life is a night-long event where teams walk around a track for a total of 12 hours. Teams are asked to keep at least one member on the track at all times.

The event started in 1986 when 19 teams took part in the event and raised a total of \$33,000.

According to www.cancer.org/relay, this event is designed to raise money for advocacy, education and patient service programs of the American Cancer Society. It is also the largest non-profit fundraising event in the world.

Right now, there are about 30 teams who are participating in the Relay for Life at UMD.

Students have raised money for the event by talking to friends and family and selling Light Luminaria bags. The

bags can be decorated with the name of a person that they know who has battled cancer.

During the night, all of the bags are lit to honor those who have had cancer.

According to the Relay for Life Web site designed for UMD, students have raised about \$5,130.

The College of St. Scholastica (CSS) is also having a Relay for Life at their college.

So far, CSS has raised a total of \$5,093, and there are about 15 teams participating.

Students and community members will keep the relay going between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. Entertainment and food is provided, and each participant will receive a Relay for Life T-shirt.

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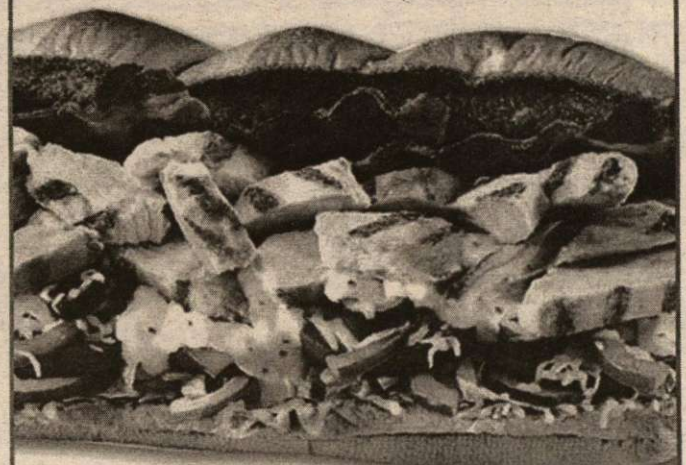
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Scholarship offered for fighting administration

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Filmmaker and Michigan native Michael Moore has established a scholarship for students who defy the administration at California State University, San Marcos -- the same school that canceled his talk last year.

The Michael Moore Freedom of Speech Scholarship will award two \$2,500 annual scholarships to Cal State San Marcos students "who have done the most to fight for issues of student rights by standing up to the administration," according to a news release issued Wednesday.

The first scholarships will be awarded in the 2005-2006 academic year. Winners will be announced in June.

Cal State San Marcos President Karen Hynes revoked Moore's invitation to speak on campus last fall because she said the school was prohibited from spending state money

on partisan political activity. Hynes said she did not believe there would be enough time to find a speaker whose opinions could balance Moore's liberal views.

A call to Hynes' office was referred to Cal State San Marcos spokesman Rick Moore, who has no relation to the filmmaker and said he did not wish to discuss the merits of the scholarship that encourages students to stand up to administrators.

"Mr. Moore has the right to do whatever he wishes to do and we're glad to see another scholarship available to students who go to our school," he said.

In October 2004, the "Fahrenheit 9/11" filmmaker spoke to 10,000 people off campus at the Del Mar Fairgrounds, where he announced his plans to start what he called a "hell-raiser" scholarship.

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HOUSING: Renters can get their buildings checked by city inspectors

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licensed -- and therefore determined by the city to be safe to be rented out.

Some landlords believe that the inspection process is important and fairly easy to go through.

Julie Litecky, a landlord in Duluth, feels as though the city has always done their job in a fast and timely manner.

"They come right away and give you a list of things to fix," Litecky said. She said that she'd had "good cooperation through the years."

Some landlords aren't pleased with the city's procedure, however.

Jack Cameron, another

Duluth landlord, feels that the inspectors look for petty problems in his units while there are other, more important issues that should be handled first.

"A run down, piece of s--t property downtown -- they got their license somehow and [the inspectors are] out picking apart my \$300,000 property," said Cameron.

While landlords and homeowners are responsible for getting their houses licensed, there are other ways to make sure your house is up to code. If a renter feels that her and his house is not safe or would not pass an inspection, he or she can have the unit checked out by city inspectors.

"If there is a house that is really trashy I'll put it on the top of my list," said Bergson. "I'll go down to the inspections building right now and send somebody to check it out."

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MEETING: Residents and students butt heads, seek compromise

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Carl Bryan as well as Hartman and Johnson, agreed that UMD student groups should be involved in cleaning up student-heavy residential areas.

The issue that sparked the most heated debate of the

evening was the idea of the administration having control over students who live off campus.

Vigen mentioned that in other cities, such as St. Cloud, the student responsibility code extends off campus, which he said helps to curb behavior thought of as unsavory by the residents.

Hartman opposed the idea, saying that the reason students move out of campus housing is to have more freedom.

Vigen likened students living off campus to an unruly biker gang, saying that if students are disturbing their neighbors with loud parties

and other offensive behavior the administration should be in charge of disciplining them, just as the police would be called to disperse the bikers.

This issue, said Hartman, caused the meeting to be "a little more confrontational" than usual, but the meetings always bring out honesty.

"I'm a firm believer that you can find compromise in even the most drastic circumstances," said Hartman.

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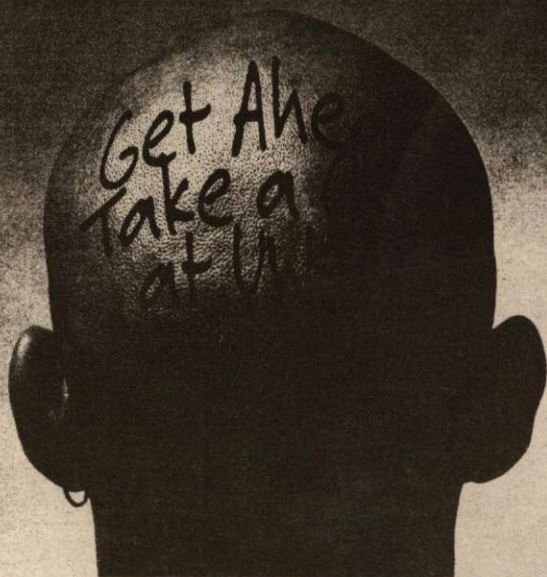
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SERIES: Lecture stressed the importance of remembering the past

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the Rwandan genocide marks a change from the solely Holocaust-oriented series of the past.

Mukeshimana was 23 years old, married and pregnant when the Rwandan genocide occurred a little over 10 years ago.

"It's hard to talk about genocide," Mukeshimana said. "Those are the days you can never forget. You can't get time back. But there's a story to tell."

Mukeshimana recalled many gruesome details for the audience, including seeing bodies strewn about the street after the genocide began.

"They would bring corpses to the street so municipal trash could take them to mass graves," she said.

After luckily escaping a street-style execution, Mukeshimana found sanctuary, for a time, in the home of a man who needed her alive solely so she would cook for him.

As she was pregnant at the time, she recalled being scared of what might be done to her and her unborn child.

"Money bought you a gun-shot; if you didn't have money, they'd use machetes or whatever they could find," she said. "They had special things for pregnant women. They'd have you give birth and then would force you to kill your kid and they would also cut open the woman to see what it looked like."

Mukeshimana now attends college and lives with her daughter in Albany, N.Y.

The second featured speaker of the evening, Gewirtzman, also recalled his memories of genocide.

On his first day of sixth grade, Gewirtzman, a Polish

immigrant, remembers the principal telling students to go home, and that Germany had invaded the country.

When class resumed, after Poland had fallen to the German war machine, Gewirtzman said he was almost killed by a German SS officer who was looking for any Jewish children.

After living in a ghetto for some time, most of his town, which had a population of 8,000, was sent to the extermination camp of Treblinka. He said only 16 out of 8,000 returned.

With a trembling voice, Gewirtzman recalled what the Germans did to those they didn't send to the extermination camp.

"They started shooting the poor old people, the women and even infants," he said. "It's a picture I find I cannot erase from my mind."

Gewirtzman, who had hidden from the Germans for some time, was eventually captured but was spared when the SS confused another small boy and girl for him and his sister, who had also been captured.

After escaping and hiding for the next several years, Gewirtzman eventually ended up in Italy and later immigrated to the United States.

Since he retired in 1995, Gewirtzman has spoken to many students about his experience during the Holocaust.

He stressed that "diversity is not adversity" and for the need of society to overcome hate -- "the source of prejudice, bigotry, racism and anti-Semitism."

"We cannot close our eyes when we see people being killed in Darfur and say 'it's in Africa, it's not ours,'" Gewirtzman said.

Mukeshimana agreed.

"It doesn't matter where the conflict is. It doesn't matter who is fighting whom. We have one small planet we have to share. We have to make it safe, make it better," she said.

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-Maya Angelou

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Housing in Duluth: What are students getting into?

For most UMD students, finding an off-campus student rental is just another stop in their college career. Students who move off campus are usually looking for some freedom from the R.A.s, 3 a.m. fire alarms and DC, and who can blame them? A 16x28 foot box does get old after being in it for nine months.

UMD does its "best" to prepare students for living off campus. They give us the names of some landlords in town and tell us to contact them. To be honest, they really can't help us out that much because of liability issues, so instead they just give out names and shove us in the right direction.

Basically, finding a decent rental property in Duluth is like trying to get a drink at Frankie's on a Friday night.

So where do students go to find out about housing issues? How do students know what to look for in a lease? How do they know that they are probably getting one of the most notorious landlords in Duluth and probably won't get their security deposits back?

One journalism class was considering the same problems and decided to do something about it.

Over the last couple weeks, Research for Reporters has been up to their necks in housing issues; talking to lawyers, landlords, students and building inspectors. Through all the research and interviews, several stories were developed to give students a wide range of information on student housing. Each story tackles an issue that students will run into while looking for a place to rent.

There are actually a number of different stipulations that students need to be aware of when looking for a house or at a lease.

1. Is the house that you are moving into licensed? If you don't know please contact the Building Safety Division of City Hall at 730-5300. The reason your house needs to be licensed is because if it isn't, that means it has not been inspected. The reason it needs to be inspected is because of the potential dangers that might arise. Not only should your broken porch be fixed, but do you have a fire extinguisher or smoke alarms? Next, do they work?

2. Does your landlord require you to mow the lawn or shovel snow? If they do, are you given any compensation for it? Under the Minnesota landlord obligations the landlord must provide compensation if they require the tenants to shovel or mow. The compensation should either be a reduction in rent or extra pay. If students do not get a refund of any kind, they can report their landlord. A lot of students are out shoveling the 12 inches that fall every night in January, with no compensation.

3. Did you know that in Duluth the maximum capacity of non-related residents in one household is six? If you are living in a home with six or seven other people, you and your landlord are breaking a city ordinance. While those two people crowded into the basement closet save you \$100 on rent each month, the safety of you and your friends may be at risk.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Library or Lounge?

Well, it's 8:30 p.m. on Thursday and like most students I'm in the Library to finish off another week's worth of homework and studying, IN A QUIET ENVIRONMENT. But as I sit on the second floor trying to study my notes for a test the next day, something keeps creeping into my head. It's the familiar sound of some freshman telling three other people at the table about some "huge party" the night before. So, I move to the Fourth Floor Rotunda to finish my studying. I sit down, and five minutes later someone is talking on their cell phone two tables away from me. This went on for 10 minutes. Shortly after, a 6'2" man with "Library Security" on his shirt stopped by my table and told me that the coffee I had wasn't permitted in the Library. I asked why, and was told that if I didn't throw it out I would have to leave.

Most people come to a library because it's quiet, or is

supposed to be quiet. I'm not the only person fed up with "Library Security" cracking down on coffee cups and candy bars in the library, while allowing others to tell half of a floor how exciting their night was.

Jerad Ehrnriter
CSE

All creatures big and small deserve to live

Mr. Smith,

Shame on you! Did your mother not TEACH you about the sanctity of ALL life?

I don't know anything about you except that you have masterminded a way to take the lives out of defenseless felines, of which I am a great lover and nurturer. I assume you are Christian? How about the commandment "Thou Shalt Not Kill?" Do those words not mean anything to you? As a good Christian or, for that matter a good human being, you have been given the privilege to be born in a human body.

Please do not be so VAIN as to determine (and make others determine by seeking their vote) that only your form is superior and therefore you will hunt down and shoot any feline "without a collar or an owner." Don't you know that all creatures big and small are owned by the Creator who made them and only HE has the right to take their life?

All living beings have a RIGHT to be here...just as you do. How would you like it if I declared OPEN SEASON on you...simply because I decided YOU were/are worthless?

Do not forget old adage, "Live by the gun...die by the gun!"

I assume that you being a HUNTER means that you are responsible for countless atrocities against those very creatures that the Creator made you a guardian of.

I am the voice for each and every one of those lives. "BEWARE YOUR EVIL ACTIONS" for what goes around comes around and ONE DAY you will find YOURSELF the recipient of a "Hunter's Bullet."

Sandra D'Mello
Duluth citizen

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On-campus housing:

Atrocious expenses outweigh convenience



By **UZAIR MUKADAM**
STAFF WRITER

Freshman year is the time to party and have fun. Who cares about grades when partying is much more gratifying than an "A" in Comp 1120 or intro to some stupid subject? Where better to party than the dorms? This is where the majority thinks alike: party almost every night. Of course! Also, there is that getting-used-to-the-atmosphere thing. Parents prefer that their kids live on-campus, especially if they don't have cars. My freshman year, I stayed in Stadium Apartments, and it was convenient, in a way. I had all the facilities to access, like the gym and library, without the hassle of parking.

However, the cost of living on-campus is atrocious compared to the off-campus cost. I remember paying about \$1,800 per semester

for Stadium Apartments, without a meal plan. If you live in Griggs, you naturally have to take the meal plan and that is roughly \$7 per meal. Combined, everything comes to almost \$2,800 per semester.

Now compare this to my expenses off campus: my first apartment after freshman year was on First Street and 17th Avenue East. A two-bedroom apartment cost \$645 plus electricity, phone bill and, of course, the Internet. The electricity bill, maybe another \$30, and since we had cell phones, we didn't take a landline. The cable cost was another \$50. Split this up two ways or, if you really want to cut costs, three ways, and it comes to about \$260 a month. Add to that maybe \$100 for groceries, which really can buy a lot. Per semester, you are paying maybe \$1600. Let's now take a house for example. An average house per head costs maybe \$350 if you include heat and electricity. Even then you are saving a whole lot of money. The on-campus housing is also pretty cramped. Stadium and Oakland Apartments are good, but still have much less room than most off-campus apartments.

I can't disagree with the convenience that on-campus housing offers students. But the simple fact of

cost for this convenience causes me to quickly go and search for another lease off campus every year. It is a bigger problem for international students, as their exchange rate makes it even more expensive for them to live on campus, since only Europe and a few Middle Eastern countries have a currency that is stronger than the dollar.

Melinda Strelau, a sophomore I talked to, said that she moved off campus because it was much more inexpensive. Her thought was that there is no point in taking a loan out for housing. Most of us, she said, graduate as it is with a big tuition loan. Living just for a bit more convenience and paying that much more hardly makes financial sense.

I find most students concur with this general idea. The other big issue I've found for many is the R.A.s. People often feel like it's having an older brother look over your shoulder, just like at home.

Even with the convenience on-campus housing offers, it is much more viable to live off-campus and save some money. The extra \$500 you'll save per semester could be, at the end of four years, four grand.

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Meet your neighbors

By **DAN HARTMAN**
GUEST COLUMNIST

For years now, students and residents have complained about each other; it's nothing new. And though many complaints are likely valid, there are things that would alleviate many of the problems.

Most of the time, all you seem to hear is residents complaining about parties or kids passed out in their yard. The reality is that most residents don't complain about those things. Most residents complain about the smaller things, like parking - or a lack thereof.

Did you know that in several locations students plug up the streets so much that ambulances and fire trucks can't get through? Did you know that students have blocked driveways to the extent that residents can't leave their own house?

The ignorant justification I hear from college students (and I hear this all the time) for why neighborhoods should accept them is: "If we left, the town would lose millions of dollars." As true as this may be, that doesn't change the fact that if we left, it would hurt the people who stick up for us, not the ones complaining. Most of the residents who complain don't care that you contribute millions of dollars to the community. Many are retired or are not directly linked to the benefits we bring the city. That statement only makes college students seem ignorant; it reinforces the idea that we are arrogant, uninformed and pretentious assholes who don't care about the community. The bottom line is simple: saying asshole comments to your neighbors doesn't solve anything, it makes us all look bad.

Most residents tend to blame the university or college students' attend. For some reason, every time something happens it is not a "college student" it is a "UMD student." Many times, I went to neighborhoods to see the subject of concern, and it was a St. Scholastica student or an LSC student. Either way, the residents blame the University and demand that they do something about it. UMD can't and damn well shouldn't. It's our right to do what we do off campus and the University should not try to extend any authority off campus.

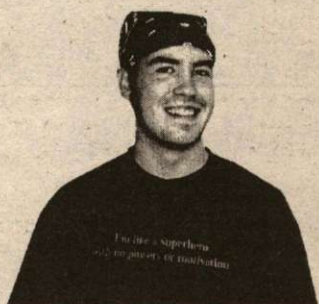
Because the University is kinda like "the man," you can blame him for everything, but since he is not really the problem, it doesn't do any good blaming him. You just feel better about yourself; no progress is made. Once a resident is angry at a college student they get upset about the smallest things, even that don't affect them, such as a student parking his car in the wrong direction. The law may care, but how does that affect their quality of life?

The worst part about this whole thing is that there is an easy solution. Have you guessed what it is yet?

The best way for your neighbors to not hate you is to talk to them in a polite, non-condescending fashion when you move in. Don't give me this crap about being busy; everyone has an hour they can spare in a week, no matter who you are. If you are going to have a party, tell them. You never know - they may bring some food for you (it has happened on several occasions). If you are a resident, when you see college students moving in next door, for crying out loud, talk to them. Ask them for their phone number. I say this after being the Student Body President last year and this year being the Better Neighbors Director, both of which have brought me in contact with people throughout the community and the campus.

When you move in next year or this May, the most important thing to do is to MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS and give them your phone number so they can contact you. You will be surprised at how much easier your life will be for the whole next year.

Living on campus for a while makes sense



By **BRIAN STEWART**
STAFF WRITER

I will be the first to admit that living on campus can be an awful experience. There is nothing worse than stumbling to the communal bathroom, especially when hungover, and noticing that someone has puked in the sink or shower (the toilet is three feet away!).

It can really cramp your style to finally convince that girl (or guy) to come home with you and then notice that your roommate is sound asleep on the top bunk. Even worse is when your roommate finally convinces that girl (or guy) to come home and you have to pretend you're asleep as your bed rocks violently.

DC food can get a bit trying at times. Fake fire alarms are annoying. The rules sometimes seem too excessive.

But I wouldn't trade my time on-campus for anything, and I know a lot of seasoned college veterans who would agree. While it's certainly a bit excessive to spend your whole time at UMD living in the dorms or apartments, these two institutions provide perfect stepping-stones to the "real world." Most incoming freshmen have just moved out of their parent's houses. They are not even remotely prepared to live on their

own, but they hunger for a freedom they've never had. The dorms give them that. They are now almost completely in charge of their own lives, though they still have some boundaries. They don't have to worry about missing bills, about finding furniture or about feeding themselves. It's taken care of.

Likewise, most freshmen come up to Duluth with few acquaintances at UMD aside from high school friends (some of whom may not really be friends). Living in the dorms provides you with a ready-made friend as well as a floor full of people in the same situation. Everyone on that floor wants new friends; all you have to do is say hello.

Next are the on-campus apartments, a natural second step in your path to freedom. You have slightly more responsibility. You have to feed yourself and provide more of your own furniture and probably your own roommates. The rules are less stringent, the R.A.s further from your room and the security patrols less frequent. You've graduated in maturity.

The benefits of an on-campus apartment are, in many ways, similar to that of the dorms. You live on-campus, which means you need only take a 10-minute walk to class, and you almost never have to worry about parking. Similarly, you still live next to college students, which means you are surrounded by kindred souls. Even better? Your neighbors are of the opposite sex. I don't need to tell you about the wonderful ramifications of that.

Finally, after a year in the dorms and a year in the on-campus apartments, you're ready to find your own place. This is a wonderful step, as you're now an "adult." But living off-

campus can be a major pain in the ass, despite how some people may gush about it. For one, you have to pay bills. While living on-campus may be more expensive than off, it seems otherwise when you have to pay five different bills plus rent each month. It's easy to forget and difficult to budget.

You have to shovel your sidewalk and worry about your car starting every morning in the winter. You need to then move it so the city can plow. You need to either live up here during the summer or find a sublesser (which is nearly impossible unless you drastically drop the cost). You need to worry about neighbors who AREN'T college students and who very possibly will call the police every time you are loud. Yes, you have a dishwasher and washing machine now. But do you have an absentee landlord? Many of us do and, if so, he probably will take at least two months to come fix it or anything else that's wrong with your house. You have to pay a deposit, and I don't know many college students who have two months rent just sitting around. You need to provide all your own furniture. The list goes on.

I cannot say that living on-campus is better or worse than living off-campus. Both are separate experiences and, in some ways, it's like comparing apples and oranges. But do not be fooled into thinking that moving off-campus will wave a magic wand and solve all your problems. Your best bet is to take the route prescribed above and work your way there after a few years. You'll probably be happiest that way.

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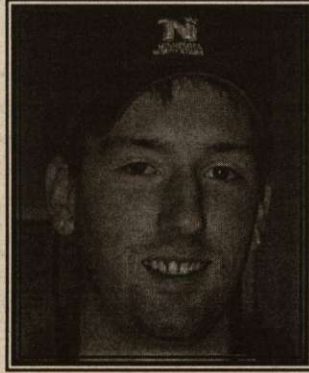
Hedberg contest winner, Michael Hippie, put to the test

Think it's easy writing humor? Worse yet, how about writing stand-up material? I promise, it's hard as hell, and our **Mitch Hedberg Tribute Contest** winner **Michael Hippie** will vouch for that. We took his one-liner out into the halls of UMD to get reactions. As small as our little "study" was, it just goes to show that it takes guts to be funny. Mitch Hedberg took that risk and, damnit, are we glad he did.

THE WINNING ONE-LINER:

"I like yogurt. It's like what would have happened if Ben and Jerry made sour cream."

- Michael Hippie



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THE RESPONSES:



"I don't really get it, to be honest with you."

- Matt Bloomquist, freshman



"If you think about it, it's funny."

- Josh Willour, freshman



"But yogurt isn't like sour cream!"

- Christina Rolfes, junior



"I don't even know if I get it. Am I slow?"

- Deneice Matthews, senior

PHOTOS BY TONY MARQUARDT/PHOTO EDITOR

Salutations, Terry

Necessary advice for everyday living

Dear Terry,
I'm an insomniac and it sucks. It sucks worse than folk music, which has a distinguished record of sucking. Back to the subject: how can I catch some zzz's?

No Sleep 'Til Brooklyn

Dear NSTB,
Maybe you should actually listen to folk music. Falling asleep couldn't be easier. Seriously, I went to a folk music concert the other day and it was the biggest piece of trash since "The Anna Nicole Show." Think bizarre political views mixed in with banjos and a boatload of LSD, and you know what I'm talking about.

You could also watch some of the crap on television at three in the morning. This is the famous time slot that is too early for the morning news and too late for anything entertaining -- mostly infomercials like the one with Ron Jeremy selling penis pills and that slut from my art class showing her cans for "Girls Gone Wild." I would recommend non-stop

drinking until you reach a blackout, but we write too much about that kind of stuff in the *Statesman* already. Go with the folk music.

Salutations,
Terry

Dear Terry,
Britney Spears is pregnant! I feel so old. It's just a matter of time before all the famous girls I fantasize about end up settling down. How can I get my youth back?

Aging Quickly

Dear Aging Quickly,
First of all, Britney is not settling down. Though she may have a kid, her life will still have more controversy than a Louisiana senate race. Look at that guy she married! I have more game than this fool and I'm an androgynous character who gives poor advice to non-existent people.

I would say that Hilary Duff could replace Britney, but since she isn't 18, you're going to have to go with Lindsay

Lohan. She says she values her privacy, but then she tramps around like a ho bag (On a side note, I predict that Lohan will be doing *Playboy* within the next four years, so be aware of that).

If you want to feel young by idolizing a star that you have no chance with, it should be none other than Beyoncé. Take down the posters of all those other harlots and put her up. I don't see her wrecking your fantasies with a baby anytime soon. Jay-Z simply wouldn't allow it because he's a man and real men don't have children until their girlfriends threaten to break up with them. You could also try Keira Knightley or Anne Hathaway. Nah, scratch that. They aren't even famous.

Salutations,
Terry

I love my life. Except for the part where no one ever writes to me. That part I could do without. And when I accidentally sit on someone else's pee in a public bathroom. I could do without that too.
salutations_terry@yahoo.com.



Random Genius: A Private Moment With Kevin Semlak

When I've got kids someday and they start running into the bedroom and jumping on the bed at 6 a.m., they're gonna' have to get used to the 6:01 beatings.

Kudos to our valiant "Say Anything" movie trivia winners from last week. To you, Cody Rengo, Matt Swanson and Mr. Cool, the Humor section tips its hat.

Top Ten Signs It's Time to Break Up With Your Boyfriend

By Brittany Hagan



10. He calls your house and asks you to describe what your roommates are wearing in vivid detail
9. You wake up to him trying to take off your socks
8. He runs a taxidermy service out of your room
7. He legally changed his name to rhyme with yours
6. He thinks tampons are satanic
5. He masturbates to Elton John
4. He thinks doing The Robot is sexy
3. He tells you he is majoring in "Pleasing Women"
2. When drunk, he likes to fight bushes and hedges along the sidewalk
1. He makes and drinks moonshine

What do you think, kids?

What parts of the Humor page do you want to see back next year? What parts could go? Anything missing that you'd really like to see?

LET US KNOW!

E-mail fors0201@d.umn.edu with your comments and suggestions.





Landlords: love them or leave them?

By MEGHAN KLEIDON
GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

Does your landlord come running every time the toilet clogs? If your landlord responds quickly to complaints, consider yourself lucky.

More than 40 percent of college students say they are not satisfied with their landlord's responsiveness to their complaints, according to a recent survey conducted by a UMD journalism class.

Gina Santori, a sophomore at UMD, said that her landlord gave her and her roommates grief over their electricity bill.

"In December we still hadn't received an electric bill so we contacted our landlord and he said if we weren't getting them, to just not worry about it," said Santori. "Meanwhile, he had been receiving them since June, and consequently, we had to pay a large fee for all the late bills."

Lucy Orr, a senior at UMD, recalled a time when one of her previous landlords had done something that could have been seriously damaging to her health.

"My bathroom in my old apartment didn't really have proper ventilation so mold would grow on the walls of the bathroom," said Orr. "My landlord would just paint over the mold each year instead of installing the proper ventilation system."

Minnesota law requires that landlords keep their units in reasonable repair. If tenants

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Decoding the fine print

Questionable provisions found in student leases

By KARIN GELSCHUS
GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

Signing a lease doesn't mean signing away your rights as a renter.

A recent study by a UMD journalism class has found that many students sign leases that contain illegal and unenforceable provisions. Conditions for the returning of security deposits, fines and mowing and shoveling may not be legal as they are written in some leases.

A sample of leases was collected by the class and reviewed by lawyers. The lawyers found at least one condition in every lease that they said a judge would not enforce in court.

Security deposits are paid to the landlord at the start of a lease agreement in order to secure that the renter will keep the property in good condition. Lawyers found that students may not be getting back their security deposits for the wrong reasons.

Tenants are often held responsible for damage that could be considered reasonable use, which goes against guidelines set by

the State, according to the "Minnesota Attorney General's Landlords and Tenants: Rights and Responsibilities" booklet.

"The security deposit is for damage, not for normal wear and tear," said Pat Spott from Orman, Nord and Spott Attorneys at Law.

One lease states that in order to get the security deposit back, tenants must make sure the entire house is "clean and tidy." However, according to one lawyer, this provision is too broad.

Another lease states that no keg parties may be thrown or the resident's entire security deposit may be forfeited. This is probably not legal unless damage is done to the property because of the party, according to the same lawyer.

Some landlords take advantage of changing interest rates and charge renters more money than necessary.

The Minnesota State Statute mandates that the landlord must return the deposit to you at the interest rate that was set at the time you signed the lease.

Security deposits are not the only part of leases that can be tricky for students. Often, landlords fine students for actions beyond their control.

Lawyers said that if a fineable provision is not stated in the lease, students cannot be held accountable for it.

"You can't be fined for any perceived wrongdoing without prior knowledge," said Spott.

Some fines are enforceable, but the amounts that landlords charge may not be.

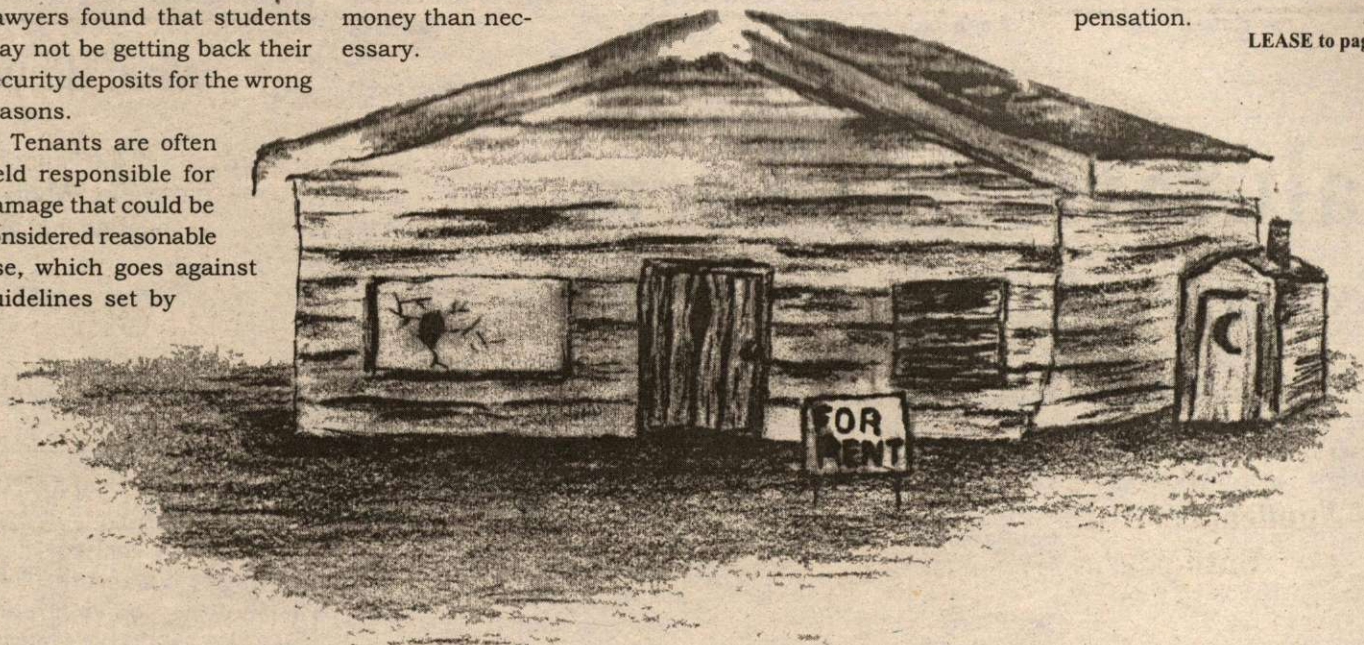
"I think the biggest problems I see are late fees that are way over \$25 a day, which is so illegal," said David Lund, of Legal Aid of Northeastern Minnesota.

An issue of primary concern in the leases evaluated, according to lawyers, is upkeep outside of the house, such as mowing and shoveling.

The Legal Aid Tenants' Rights in Minnesota 10th Edition states that "the landlord may not require you do to repairs or maintenance duties, like yard work, unless you agree to do so in writing and you are paid for the work either by lower rent or direct payment from the landlord."

In a random survey of UMD students done by the journalism class, almost 50 percent of respondents said their landlord did not shovel snow for them, and over 30 percent said that their landlord did not mow their lawn. Of those students that take care of the mowing and shoveling themselves, over 75 percent said they do not receive any kind of compensation.

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Campus Park: a nice place with a tough lease

By AARON PRICE
STAFF REPORTER
and ERIC WALSH
GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

For the past eight years, Campus Park has been a place students look to for independence from the R.A.-ridden hallways of on-campus housing. However, those drawn to the town homes and villas of Campus Park come to find that independence comes at a cost.

Located less than five minutes from UMD on Rice Lake Road, the 88-unit complex gives its residents advantages that many on-campus establishments are unable to provide, such as paid utilities, air-conditioning and a shuttle to and from campus. According to many residents, the size and overall quality of the

rental property has its benefits.

"Having my own room is a big reason why I chose to live there," said UMD junior Jace Marti. "The kitchen and living room are considerably larger than on-campus places in general."

The Campus Park lease agreement includes conditions that could result in students paying penalties, some of which could be legally questionable.

Mark Lambert, owner and developer of the property, stated in a faxed response to the *Statesman* that prior to moving into an apartment, potential tenants are informed that they will be immediately required to pay \$95 for routine cleanings.

"Tenants are told that there will be a \$30 per resident cleaning charge and a \$65 per resident painting

touch-up charge," said Lambert. "Their funds are used to restore the unit the following summer to its existing 'move-in condition' for the next group of students."

Lambert referred to the costs as a "pre-agreed cleaning charge." There are also other fines residents may be required to pay at the discretion of Campus Park management.

"If students damage the unit or fail to clean-up the unit (bathtubs, stoves, etc.), additional cleaning charges are assessed for extra work required," Lambert said. "We are not hiding anything or trying to be unfair to anyone."

While Lambert, who is also a real estate and busi-

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Fraternity replaces beer with hot dogs

By ANN PERKINS
STAFF REPORTER
and KIEREN SELL
ASSISTANT STUDENT LIFE EDITOR

Cheap wienies, drinking games and a battle of the bands were all part of Dry Wednesday yesterday, an on-campus event promoting social alternatives to drinking alcohol, sponsored by the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity.

"We do Dry Wednesday to promote other things besides drinking on campus," said Chris Berg, president of Alpha Phi Omega. "It is a way for us

to show that there are alternatives to drinking and to have fun in college."

"It is good for us to promote positive perspective on Greeks in general," Berg said. "[The event is to show we are] stepping away from the stereotypical views that the movies and media portray."

At the barbecue outside the Bookstore in the grilling area students lined up to sign a poster to pledge not to drink for the day and then were able to purchase a meal of a hot dog or brat with chips and a drink

for 25 cents and 50 cents, respectively.

"We are very pleased with the turnout," said David Wermerskirchen, Alpha Phi Omega member. "Every year we like to make more and more people aware of the event."

After the event ended, the members of the fraternity were pleased to find out they didn't have any leftovers.

"We sold about 700 brats and hot dogs," said Nick Hettwer, Alpha Phi Omega member.



KEITH GRAUMAN/UMD STATESMAN

Alpha Phi Omega members Nate Kuebl and Nick Hettwer prepare the hot dogs.

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What's going on in and around Duluth

Thursday, 4.21.05

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Guest Artist Concert: Ivana
Cojbasic, piano
7:30 p.m.
\$10/\$8/\$5
Weber Music Hall

Off Campus

MN Dialogue Breakfast Series
Featuring Mary Brainerd,
CEO, Health Partners
7:30 a.m.
Somers Lounge
College of St. Scholastica

"Little Shop of Horrors"
(Through 4.24)
Thurs. - Fri. 7:30 p.m.
Sat. 2 and 7:30 p.m.
Sun. 2 p.m.
\$15/\$14/\$12/\$8
Duluth Playhouse
Depot Theatre
506 W. Michigan St. 733-7555

Noble Haze and Brandon
Hagstrom
8 p.m.
Beaner's Central
324 N. Central Ave. 624-5957

Friday, 4.22.05

Off Campus

"Phantom of the NorShor"
(Through 4.24)

Fri. - Sat. 8 p.m.
Sun. 2 p.m.
Presented by Colder by the
Lake Comedy Theatre
NorShor
Theatre
211 E.
Superior St.
728-1999

"Forever Plaid
'50s Musical
Comedy"
(Through
4.24)
Fri. - Sat.
6:30 p.m.
(dinner), 8
p.m. (show),
\$40
Sun. 12:30
p.m.
(brunch), 2
p.m. (show),
\$28
Bennett's Dinner Theatre
Fitzer's Brewery Complex
600 E. Superior St. 722-2829

"Antigone"
(Through 4.24)
Fri. - Sat. 7:30 p.m.
Sun. 2 p.m.
St. Scholastica Theatre

Jim Ouska and Jane
Aleckson
CD Release Party
8 - 11 p.m.
Beaner's Central
324 N. Central Ave. 624-5957

Dukes of Hubbard
\$2
The Tap Room
600 E. Superior St. 722-0061

\$15/\$10
Sports and Health Center
Spring Choral Concert:

"Almost
There!"
7:30 p.m.
\$6/\$5/\$3
Weber
Music Hall

Sweet Grass, Stel & Lefty,
Jack Kritzer
8 p.m.
\$5
Beaner's Central
324 N. Central Ave. 624-5957

Deuces Wild
\$10
The Tap Room
600 E. Superior St. 722-0041

Off Campus

Ol' Yeller, Little Black Books
and Nick Robin
Pizza Lucé
11 E. Superior St. 727-7400

Tuesday, 4.26.05

On Campus

Storyhill
8 p.m.
Kirby Rafter's
All Jazz
7:30 p.m.
\$6/\$5/\$3
Weber Music Hall

Wednesday, 4.27.05

On Campus

Sara Softich Band
10 p.m.
Kirby Rafter's

HOT TICKET

By KELLEY BLOMBERG - STAFF REPORTER

On Tuesday, April 26, at 11 a.m. six of UMD's most advanced Dance minors will use the campus as a stage for their dances. The site-specific performances are free, open to the public and offer viewers the chance to experience a unique collection of undergraduate student choreography.

The performance will begin outside in Ordean Court and will continue with performances outside and at various other campus locations.

Under the direction of Allen Fields, an assistant professor in the UMD Dance Department and director of Minnesota Ballet, the class was encouraged to create pieces that uniquely utilize the various spaces on UMD's campus.

"We're seeing a new trend in dance," said Fields. "Artists are taking dance outside of the theatre and looking for a way to take the dance directly to the public. Site-specific performances are a way in which dancers are doing this."

Spontaneous Combustion
and Ian Alexy
Fitzer's Brewhouse & Grille
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Boku Frequency
Pizza Lucé
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Saturday, 4.23.05

On Campus

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5K Run, Walk and Roll
10 a.m.

\$25 (day of show)
Sacred Heart Music Center
201 W. 4th St. 723-1895

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Comedy Olympics return to a new venue

By RACHEL SKELTON
STAFF REPORTER

The Improv Comedy Olympics will make their hilarious return to the Twin Ports stage on Saturday, April 30, at their new location inside the Carnival Thrillz Entertainment Center.

Up until last fall, the Comedy Olympics were performed at the Renegade Comedy Theatre, but a request from the building owner to make way for another business left the Olympics without a venue.

Since then, the show has been on hiatus, staging various shows around Duluth and waiting to find a new space to call their own.

The space at Carnival Thrillz was found when the Olympics were approached by the indoor family entertainment facility offering them a new stage. Renegade Comedy Theatre Director Brian Matuszak believes the new location will create a surge in ticket sales.

"I think that being in Canal Park will be a tremendous boost for the Olympics," said Matuszak. "This type of show really benefits from walk-up traffic and there's a lot of that in Canal Park. Plus, with all the other fun things to do in Carnival Thrillz, I predict that we will definitely see an increase in our audience."

Olympics Director Scott Manisto predicted that tourists will play a major factor in the success of the Olympics.

"We will definitely be doing a lot of marketing in the Canal Park area," said Manisto. "It should bring in the Canal Park tourists, especially in the summer."

The shows will be entirely general seating, so Olympic-goers are encouraged to arrive early.

"Before the show play a carnival game, pick up some popcorn, pizza or other concessions, then head into the Olympics performance and pick out a seat," said Matuszak.

For those of you who aren't familiar with the Olympics, the group has been ad-libbing for eight years with over 800 performances.

The Olympics are composed of talented and experienced comedy athletes who compete in "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" type games that are based entirely on audience suggestions.


Games are played such as "Stunt Double," "Missionary Physician" and "The Worst." The host of the show describes each of the games, takes suggestions from the audience, calls any fouls that may occur and keeps everything moving along.

The Olympics will perform two shows every Saturday night, starting with the Outrageous PG-rated show at 8 p.m., and concluding with the Wild

and Crazy R-rated show at 10:30 p.m. Carnival Thrillz is located at 329 Lake Ave. Tickets for all performances are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and

are available at the front ticket booth at Carnival Thrillz.

Rachel Skelton can be reached at skel0036@d.umn.edu.



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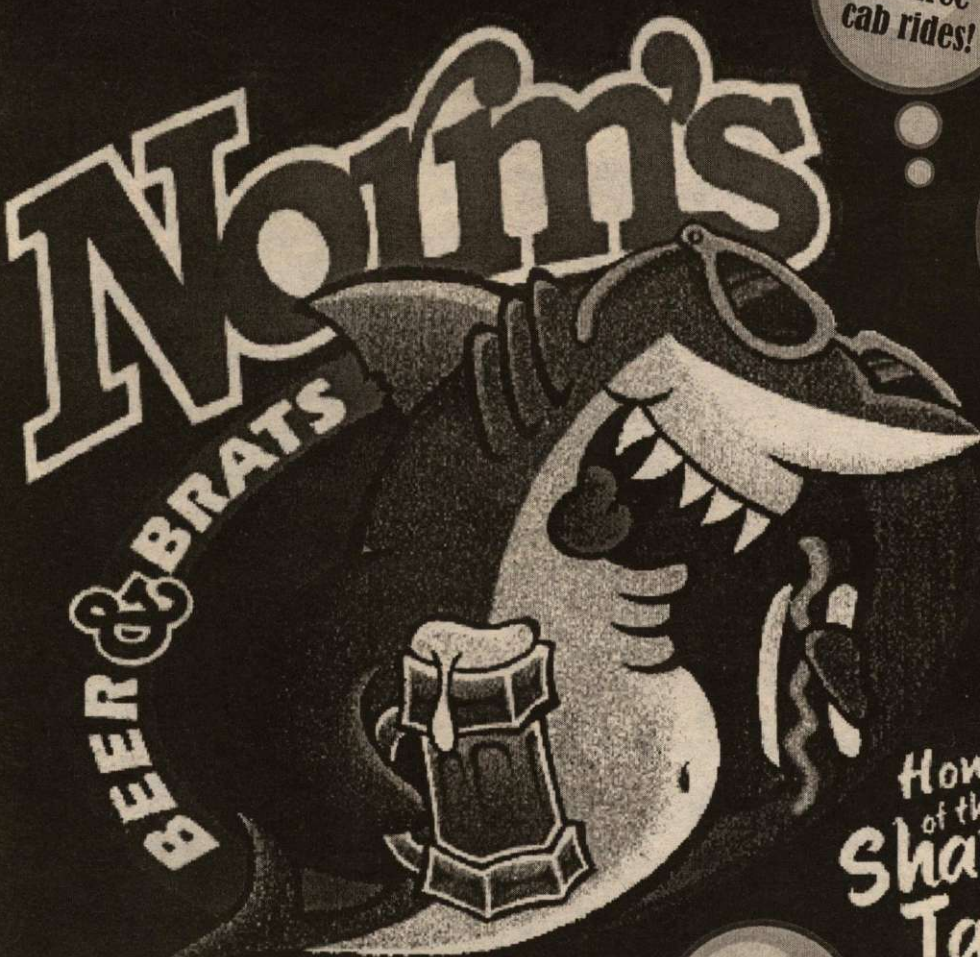
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'Idol' finals feature four UMD females

Clarkson and Clay wannabes compete for recording contracts

By HEATHER TROW
STAFF REPORTER

Four UMD students have qualified for the semi-finals of Twin Ports Idol, a local singing competition inspired by the popular TV series, "American Idol."

These students, senior Rachel Becker, freshman Kelsey Huppert, junior Sarah Schmitz and sophomore Jillian Schwantz, went through a preliminary audition process and have been chosen, along with 27 others, to continue to the semi-finals, which began on April 14, at Grandma's Sports Bar.

"My reasons for trying out were basically to have fun," said Schwantz. "The experience was really scary because the first audition is held in a room with only one man and woman listening, and you are singing into a camera with a microphone."

Schwantz's goal for the semi-finals is simple and low-pressure.

"I'm singing in the semi-finals in the name of fun," she said. "I've done stuff like this before and I know the best way to get through this is by being really excited about it,

and by having fun entertaining everyone."

Kelsey Huppert's decision to do Twin Ports Idol wasn't entirely her own.

"I decided to do the Twin Ports Idol mainly because of my friends," said Huppert. "They've heard me sing and just really wanted me to pursue it. For me it's definitely not like I look at the overall outcome of it, I'm more or less in it to have fun and for the experience."

Huppert's audition process was very different from Schwantz's.

"The first audition was good. It felt like I was just singing in front of a few friends or family members. It's very exciting to be a semi-finalist, to know that someone familiar with the music business thinks you have a great voice and a chance," she said.

Huppert and Schwantz share the same goal, however, for the semi-finals.

"My goal for the semi-finals is just go out there, sing my heart out, and enjoy the moment. I've always wanted to share my voice with others and this gives me the opportunity,"

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CAMPUS PARK: Lease provisions questioned by lawyers

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ness attorney, can decide what conditions his tenants do and do not have to adhere to, some of the provisions of the lease agreement could cost students extra if they are not aware of their options.

According to several local lawyers who reviewed a random assortment of housing contracts collected by a UMD journalism class, Lambert's conditions and extra "cleaning charges" are not the standard in Duluth housing contracts.

David Lund, of the Legal Aid Service of Northeastern Minnesota, reviewed many of the leases, including Campus Park's. He found certain conditions in the Campus Park agreement especially complicated when compared to the rest of the contracts.

Lund frequently referred to the security deposit laws in the Campus Park lease, emphasizing the "minimum cleaning charges" listed as a potential cause for concern.

"When you move out, the security deposit has to be returned to you, except for the amount that is actually used to fix damages," said Lund. "Ordinary 'wear and tear' is specifically not damages."

Lambert believes that Campus Park is simply attempting to ensure that their units are not misused and can be easily restored for the coming year's

occupants.

"Our lease specifically has the residents acknowledge that 'normal wear and tear' does not include dirty carpets or paint blemishes on the walls," Lambert said. "We admit that we can't charge for normal wear and tear -- nor do we."

Thomas Reed, of Reed Law Office, pointed out that not everyone will agree on what constitutes "wear and tear" as opposed to actual damage.

"To me, ordinary 'wear and tear' is a subjective issue," said Reed. But he also said that once the lease has been signed, the tenants generally are subject to the rules in the lease. "If a legal agreement to a lease has been reached, the tenant should essentially be held accountable for any stipulations stated in the contract, unless the Minnesota Statute [state landlord-tenant law] clearly suggests otherwise."

Lambert said he gives residents a fair warning of their expectations and each fine is handed out after a meeting with Campus Park property manager Chuck Benson.

The options for student housing are endless. Whether it is on campus or off campus, students who weigh their options and find the place that fits them best.

"It is very convenient to live there," said second-year resident Paul Jacobs. "They provide you with so much. As a resident, I really don't have to worry about anything."

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IDOL: Semi-finals underway, finals start May 12

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said Huppert. "If I don't make it to the finals then it's not meant to be for me and that's fine, I don't really have anything to lose."

Craig LiaBraaten, the creator of Twin Ports Idol and one of the judges, described what went on during the auditions.

"The contestants brought a song to sing a cappella for the preliminary auditions,

and song choice does play a big part in whether they go on to the next round or not," said LiaBraaten. "A voice should fit the song excellently. We are looking for a singing talent. I think some people picked a song we might like instead of what fits their voice."

Contestants brought in a great variety of music to audition with.

"We've heard everything from 'The Phantom of the Opera' to 'There She is, Miss America'-- which was a hoot. More than anything we're hearing pop; you hear a lot of Kelly Clarkson, we've heard 'Breakaway' a million times which isn't bad but it doesn't show a broad range of experience on the technical side of things," he said.

Twin Ports Idol is a family event, and LiaBraaten emphasized the strict rules he is enforcing in the competition.

"We allow no unprofessional conduct -- some people have picked songs with inappropriate lyrics or content, and one of the age categories is 13 and under. When you think about 10-year-olds, they're not going to take too many songs out there, especially the inappropriate ones," said LiaBraaten.

People were disqualified for a variety of reasons in the preliminary round.

"Many people were disqualified because they wore designer labels on their clothing and that's against the rules, because we can't endorse any products. Also some people had no idea how to use a microphone when they were singing quietly or loudly, because they've never been taught how to," LiaBraaten said.

"Some people sang entirely out of tune, they would sing a cappella and meander from one key to another, that eliminated many people. Also, a lot of people don't have a clue about breath support," he added.

Contestants are allowed to re-audition as many times as they want, and sometimes their performances improve greatly.

"Some people have come back and re-auditioned and completely changed, which is great. We are looking for a singing talent. We don't want people to be a computer or to mimic somebody. If you sound like Kelly Clarkson, people will buy her CD, not yours," LiaBraaten said.

"This has been really fun, I've done this for 10 years on the Iron Range, and now I'm doing it in Duluth. This is going to be an annual event, and I'm grateful to be able to give people the opportunity to perform and improve. This is all about them," he said.

Twin Ports Idol finals will begin on May 12. The prize for the winner of the 14-26 age category is a \$5,000 recording contract, and the second and third prizes are \$2,000 and \$1,000 recording contracts.

There is also a smaller recording contract award for the 13 and under age category and the 27 and up age category. Other prizes include vocal coaching, voice lesson scholarships and performance opportunities.

Anyone in Duluth is welcome to attend the semi-finals, held every Thursday night from 6-9 p.m. at Grandma's Sports Bar and Grill in Canal Park.

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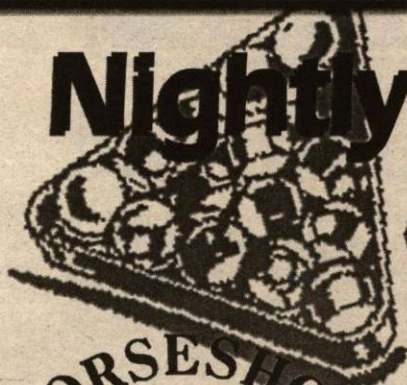
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Kelsey Huppert (left) and Jillian Schwantz (right) are two of the four UMD students who have qualified for the Twin Ports Idol semi-finals, taking place Thursday at Grandma's Sports Garden. They are competing with 27 other singing sensations for a recording contract with Living Water Music Company.

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WEDNESDAY: Battle of the bands concludes Dry Wednesday

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Students chowing down on the cheap eats thought that events that provided an alternative to drinking were a good idea.

"I think they are good experiences for students to meet other students who chose not to drink and get a free meal," said Josh Garubanda, UMD student.

"I guess they're good," said UMD student Manny Rivas. "I don't know how much effect it has, it's probably better than if they didn't do it. It is good probably for people who don't drink to know there are other students and organizations who support them."

The barbecue was the event's most popular event, thanks to UMD student's stomachs.

"People are always hungry," said Nate Kuel, fraternity member. "Plus, we sell it for cheap."

Free pool and checkers, chess and backgammon were available in the Kirby Game Room.

One event put a twist on traditional drinking games like Presidents and A--holes, Hockey and Beer Pong with the

players drinking water instead of alcohol. Along with the free popcorn and pretzels, people came to try and win a \$50 prize by being the last person to "break the seal," or go to the bathroom.

"It's a lot of fun," said Shannon Ankarlo, a participant at the event. "The popcorn absorbs all the water."

Ankarlo and another female participant named Kelly won, splitting the prize.

A battle of the bands was held in the Kirby Rafters, co-sponsored by Late Night Kirby and Up Til Dawn.

Noble Haze started out the night playing to a large crowd, which Alpha Phi Omega members only hoped would get bigger.

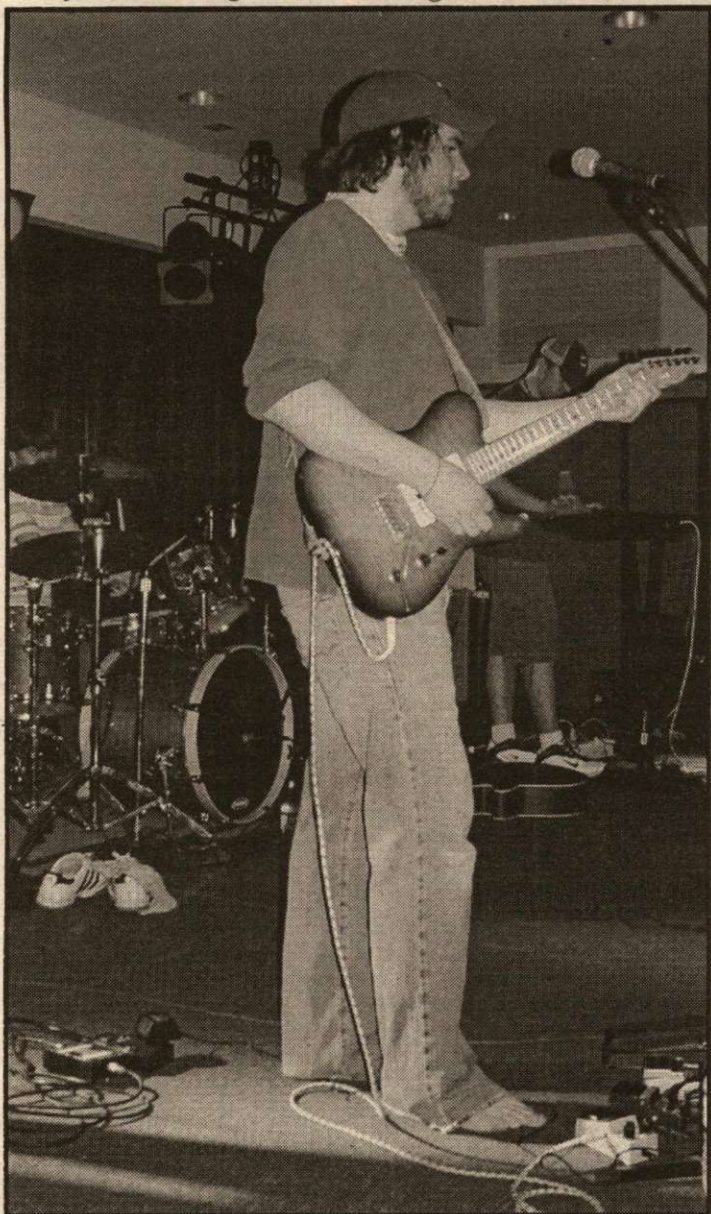
The battle's first place winner took home a \$200 gift certificate to Music-Go-Round, second place won a \$100 gift certificate and the third place band won free T-shirts. Only three bands took part in the event, Haze, Sirreal and Vain, which meant every group got something.

"Everyone's a winner," said Kuehl. "There are a lot of people here. It's a good turnout."

The members of Alpha Phi Omega were happy with how the event turned out and are planning to host it again next year.

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LEASE: Students should be compensated if they do yard maintenance

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While many lease agreements students sign do not include any stipulation for compensation for mowing or shoveling, students still have the right to be reimbursed.

Spott explained the differ-

ent criteria for an agreement regarding property maintenance. First, there has to be a written explanation of tenant adherence and obligation to consistent upkeep. Also, both parties have to agree to the offer either verbally or by signature.

The most important part of the deal is that students should receive compensation for their work.

"At the end of the day, there has to be some sort of consideration for what the tenants keep in order," added Lund.

According to a lawyer, the upkeep of the sidewalks surrounding the property is the

landlord's responsibility. If someone is injured on the sidewalk because of negligence, the landlord is responsible.

Students may not be able to stop landlords from putting unenforceable provisions into their leases, but they don't have to sign agreements they think are unfair.

Reed encourages students to ask the landlord questions and be sure of what they are agreeing to prior to signing.

"As a tenant, I would try to negotiate as best as you can with landlords," said Reed.

While the lawyers interviewed did not agree upon what is always legal and illegal

in leases, they did find common ground in that students need to be conscious of what is in their leases by reading it thoroughly to understand each provision.

Mary Jo Bowman, a UMD administrative specialist in the Kirby Student Center, said any student seeking legal advice should consult on-campus housing, but then will be referred to the Housing Access Center, where they can receive free advice on their leases. The Access Center is downtown Duluth and can be reached at 726-6808.

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LANDLORDS: Six steps for handling bad landlords

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are having trouble getting landlords to make necessary repairs, the following six steps can be taken.

1. File a complaint with the local housing, health, energy or fire inspector.

2. Place rent in escrow with the court. This process legally keeps the money in the hands of court officials and away from the landlord until the requested repairs are made.

3. Withhold rent by depositing it with the court administrator.

4. Sue the landlord under the Tenants' Remedies Act.

5. Sue the landlord in conciliation court for rent abatement and get previous rent payments back.

6. If you are evicted for not paying your rent, you can legally use the landlord's failure to make repairs as a defense.

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SOFTBALL

Home stand begins

By PATRICK BRANNAN
STAFF REPORTER

The UMD women's softball team has traveled quite a bit over the past two weeks, going to Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota and St. Paul, Minn. The Bulldogs played 14 games during that time and are happy to finally play some games at home.

The Bulldogs are hoping the home games will add some wins to their record, which stands at 16-22 overall this season and 2-5 in the North Central Conference (NCC).

"Everyone is excited to finally play at home," said senior



Outfielder
Nikki Jensen

Lindsey Lundeen. "We've been traveling so much, so it's nice to finally have a travel break."

On Sunday, the Bulldogs beat NCC rival St. Cloud State (9-6) and defeated Upper Iowa University (2-0) before ending the day with a loss to South Dakota State (7-5). The weekend batting average for the team was .292.

Sophomore Nikki Jensen had seven hits in 12 at bats for an average of .583, which included a double.

"We played very well," said Lundeen. "Our team is coming together and it was

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BASEBALL

Sole senior shows love of game

By MATTHEW SAUTER
STAFF REPORTER

There is no major league contract waiting for UMD senior captain Nate Cermak at the end of this season. There won't be signing bonuses, big paychecks or charter jets for this Bulldog. But after four years of baseball, Cermak wouldn't trade his college career for anything.

"I will miss everything about UMD baseball when I am gone," said Cermak. "The players, the coaches and the friends I have made along the way -- they have all been great things in my life."

After four years at the collegiate level, Cermak has made quite a mark here in Duluth. This season will be his third year as captain, the longest captainship by any UMD baseball player. He was voted in just after his first year and quickly became a leader.

"I was very honored to be voted captain as a sophomore by my teammates," said Cermak. "It told me that they respected me and trusted my leadership skills. Knowing that people respect you makes it easier to set an example. Respect can only be earned, not demanded and I am grateful to all my teammates the last three years that voted for me to be their team captain."

His teammates have looked for his direction and the coaching staff has expected it.

"I think the coaches see those leadership roles and those qualities," said outfielder Greg Aker. "They see him doing the right things."

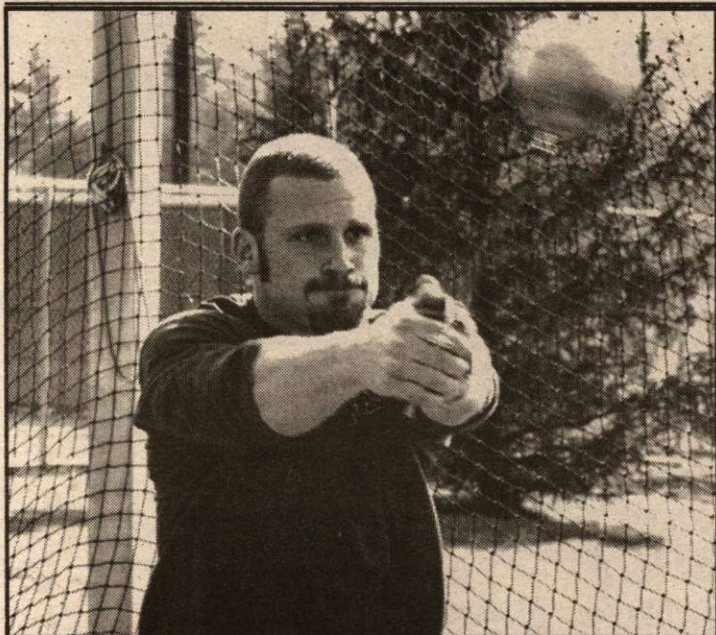
After being redshirted his freshman year, Cermak quickly made a home behind the plate. As catcher he started all but nine games and hit .260 with four homeruns.

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Nate Cermak holds a Maverick at first base during a pitch in Saturday's game. The Bulldogs lost all four games against Nebraska-Omaha this weekend (0-5, 1-2, 2-7 and 2-3) with Cermak hitting three for 11 (.272) and striking out four times in the series.



KEITH GRAUMAN/UMD STATESMAN
Josh Dark (throwing in practice) continued his success in the Eau Claire Invitational throwing the hammer and earning second place with a final attempt of 53.51 meters.

TRACK

Hammer thrower ranked No. 7 in nation

Bulldog hopes to throw his way into school record books

By KEITH GRAUMAN
STAFF REPORTER

It's an unusual day in Duluth -- it's April, the sun is shining, it's 70 degrees and there's not a cloud in the sky. Josh Dark approaches the UMD track team's practice field carrying what looks to be three medieval weapons.

Dark, a senior, has been a captain of the UMD track team for the last two years. He's well built, with broad shoulders and short, fire-red hair. What's he's actually carrying in his hands are hammers for the hammer throw: silver, 16

pound, steel balls attached to about three feet of metal wire.

Dark is on the team for more than just a love of the game. He values the people he meets through track and field.

"I love the competition," said Dark. "But I also love the camaraderie. The people you meet you're going to be friends with for the rest of your life, you just know it. You know what they're going through. You get close that way."

Dark is currently ranked No. 7 in the nation for the hammer throw in Division II track

and field and No. 1 in the NCC. His best throw is 181 feet 7.5 inches, which is about five feet short of the UMD record set last year by Dan Soldner.

"I think he will break the school record," said Head Coach John Fulkrod. "I believe he will get to the national championships and I believe he will perform well there."

Dark has been involved with track and field since his first year of high school at Wausau West in Wausau, Wis.

"When I was lighter and younger, I did the 400 meter

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UMD has yet another unsettling weekend in sports

Baseball

The UMD baseball team was swept four games to none while visiting University of Nebraska Omaha last weekend. The Bulldogs lost Saturday's first game 5-0.

UNO scored two first-inning runs, and UNO pitcher Troy Cloyd continued his domination in the NCC with a three hit shutout against the Bulldogs.

Junior **Greg Aker** had two of the three hits for UMD, with senior **Nate Cermak** recording the other hit for the Bulldogs.

Bulldogs' senior pitcher **Adam Baker** recorded the loss as he gave up only five hits and two earned runs in seven innings. The loss drops Baker's record to 3-3.

In the second game, UMD jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the second inning, thanks to four consecutive singles. Cermak drove in freshman **Ty Fadness** for UMD's only run of the game. Junior pitcher **Adam Templin** held the 1-0 lead until UNO's Chad Leon smacked a two run homer in the fifth inning, to give the Mavericks a 2-1 lead.

Templin gave up seven hits, two earned runs and struck out two in six and two-thirds-innings pitched. The loss drops Templin's record to 2-1.

On Sunday, the Bulldogs ran into some tough pitching. The Bulldogs lost 7-2 in the first game.

Junior **Tim Garceau** was UMD's lone offensive bright



The Bulldog Rundown

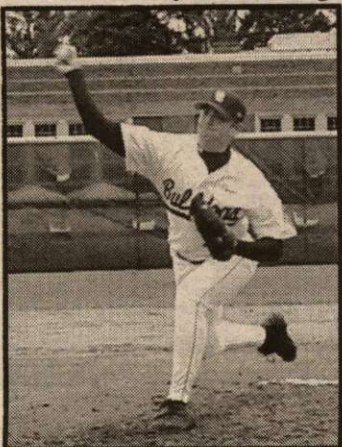


spot as he went 3-3 including UMD's only extra base hit, a solo home run in the sixth-inning.

UMD junior pitcher **Luke Hagman** picked up his fifth loss of the season, as he went five and two-thirds-innings giving up four runs, three of which were earned off six hits. Junior **Scott Christenson** pitched seven innings for the Bulldogs giving up only three runs off three hits and striking out 15 batters. But UNO once again came back with a late home run in the eighth, giving the Mavericks a 3-2 lead.

Christenson dropped his record to 0-2.

On Tuesday the Bulldogs



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Pitcher Adam Baker recorded his third loss for UMD on April 16, against UNO.

split a doubleheader against their once NSIC rivals 2-3 in game one and 5-4 in two.

Sophomore **Shawn Lindsay**, playing in just his sixth game of the season, provided the decisive blow with a walk-off home run in the eighth inning. With the four losses over the weekend and a split with Winona the Bulldogs fell to 12-18 overall and 1-7 in NCC play.

Softball

The UMD softball team went 2-2 over the weekend at the Concordia-St. Paul Softball Tournament. UMD lost Friday's game to Winona State, 2-0.

Freshman pitcher **Brittany Hansen** gave up four



LANCE FISCHER/UMD STATESMAN

Michelle Butkus had the only hit of the game for UMD in their home opener.

hits and struck out seven for the Bulldogs. This was the ninth time that the Bulldogs have been shut out in 33 games this year.

The rest of Friday's scheduled games were cancelled, due to the weather; the Bulldogs played three on Sunday.

In the first game, the Bulldogs beat NCC foe St. Cloud State 9-6. In the second game against Upper Iowa University, the Bulldogs were able to pull a 2-0 shut out, and in the final game the Bulldogs fell to South Dakota State University 7-5. On Tuesday the Bulldogs faced the University of North Dakota with a 4-0 victory in game one and 0-3 loss in game two.



FILE PHOTO

The track team will hold their Bulldog outdoor open on April 26, at 4:15 p.m.

On Wednesday the Bulldogs faced St. Cloud at home and lost 1-5 in game one and then in extra innings lost again 3-4.

The Bulldogs are now 16-23 this season.

Track

The UMD men and women's track teams competed at the Eau Claire Invitational last weekend in Eau Claire, Wis.

Three Bulldogs came home with first place finishes including senior **Rob Winterfeld** in the 3000 meter steeplechase, senior **Nate Beerling** in the 1500 meter run and on the women's team **Erin Foss** in the 5000 meter run. Foss finished over 10 seconds faster than the rest of the competition.

Senior **Jeremiah Aakre** finished with an impressive second place showing in the javelin throw, while senior **Josh Dark** continued his season with second place in the hammer throw.

The women finished in sixth place with 63.50 points, just one point behind fifth place St. Thomas.

The men's side did not keep track of points scored during the weekend. They will now gear up for the Carlton Relays, while the women's team prepares for the St. Olaf Invitational this weekend, where both events will be held in Northfield.

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Moss gone, draft begins

Life after Randy Moss could be more enjoyable than expected

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The annual NFL scouting combine has often been called a meat market. The Minnesota Vikings looked at this year's session as a job fair.

Coach Mike Tice took a long look at the receiving crop in this year's NFL Draft, hoping to find a replacement for superstar Randy Moss, who was traded to Oakland in the off-season.

"I think I said 'I have an opening now,'" Tice recalled when asked about his conversations with receivers in Indianapolis. "I think that's the way I termed it. But I wanted to see what their facial expression and body language would be when I told them we had an opening now."

This isn't just any opening. For seven seasons, Moss was the face of the Vikings' high-flying offense. But after an injury-plagued season in which he caused more headaches for his teammates than opposing defenses, Moss was shipped to the Raiders for the No. 7 pick in Saturday's draft and linebacker Napoleon Harris.

By most accounts, the Vikings had one of the most successful off-seasons of any team this year, adding cornerback Fred Smoot, linebacker Sam Cowart, safety Darren Sharper and nose tackle Pat Williams to upgrade a porous unit.

The one thing they didn't do was sign a top-flight receiver, though they did add Baltimore veteran Travis Taylor to be the No. 3 receiver in the slot.

Tice has said Nate Burleson has the skills to be a No. 1 receiver, and Burleson showed flashes of that ability when Moss was injured last season. But it is clear that adding another receiver remains a priority.

"We know we need to add some players at that position from the outside, whether it's from wherever," Tice said. "But we do have some guys that we foresee roles on our football team. Our go-to guy is Nate Burleson, but at the same time Marcus Robinson is going to have more of a role for us."

This year's pool of receivers has plenty of talent, although it's not as deep as last year's. Michigan's Braylon Edwards is widely considered the best in this year's draft and could go No. 1 overall to San Francisco. Many mock drafts have the Vikings taking Southern Cal. wideout Mike Williams at No. 7.

Tice spoke with both Edwards and Williams at the combine and said he came away impressed with both players.

"I told him I wouldn't be trying to fill Randy Moss' shoes," said Williams. "I think those shoes are cut to his feet. I think I'd bring my own pair, I'd bring my own attitude, my own playing style and my own demeanor about myself and just really be me."

Tice knows whoever is taken cannot possibly live up to the production that Moss generated in Minnesota. No receiver has more yards in his first seven seasons.

"There's too much pressure. I want a guy that wants to come and make plays for us," Tice said. "There are a number of receivers in the Draft that can make plays for you. But with the same thing said, there's not a lot of first-round receivers that come in and have that Pro Bowl impact their first year. That doesn't mean that in their second or third year they're not in the Pro Bowl. But you have to look at that."

Which is why the Vikings could go another way with their first selection.

Texas linebacker Derrick Johnson, Miami defensive back Antrell Rolle and even a running back like Texas' Cedric Benson are all possibilities.

Should the Vikings take a receiver first, they could go back to defense at 18 with Georgia end David Pollack or safety Thomas Davis, Oklahoma safety Brodney Pool and Wisconsin end Erasmus James all in the mix.

"Fortunately for us, because of the free agency we've had this off-season, we're wide open in the draft," Tice said. "And really, what we need to do with that pick is add a blue-chip player."

If they don't go with a receiver at No. 7, there still should be quality available at 18, possibly Oklahoma's Mark Clayton, South Carolina's Troy Williamson or Alabama Birmingham's Roddy White.

When asked if he would be surprised if the Vikings don't take a receiver on the first day of the draft, Tice said, "Would I be surprised? Yeah. We'll just lay the board out and take it where they come."



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DARK: Schooling still a major part of an athlete's life

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and high jump," said Dark. "And then I got kind of bigger so they just had me do throws and sprints after that."

Dark was originally recruited as a fullback for the UMD football team. However, in his freshman year he tore his right ACL. He came back the following spring and tore his right PCL.

"After that I kind of tried to struggle through a season and I just couldn't do some of the things that I used to be able to do on the field," said Dark. "And I just said 'You know? This is too much. My body is telling me something.'"

His body gave him good advice because he has turned out to be a valuable asset to the track and field team.

"He's there all the time," said Fulkrod. "He works real hard and is enthusiastic. He supports his teammates."

The rest of the throwers on the team are either freshmen or sophomores. Dark said he tries to lead by example.

"I organize a lot of captain's practices in the fall and encourage on your own work. I try to get them working hard early just to set that tone and then they can be hard workers for their entire college career," said Dark.

Freshman thrower Tom Soldner said that Dark fits the role of a captain.

"There are not a lot of coaches around during practice, so Josh donates a lot of his practice time to helping us," said Soldner.

When Dark's not on the hunt for a new school record, he has spent his time working toward a double major in Geology and Geography.

As if a double major and a being a captain of the track team wasn't enough, Dark also found time to get married to teammate Heather Hamilton, a two time all-American.

"She got sixth [in nationals]. I'd like to try and beat her and get fifth or higher," Dark said with a smile.

The two of them like to spend time outside. Dark himself is a self-proclaimed lover of the outdoors.

"My wife and I like to do a lot of stuff together: bike, run, camp, canoe. I love being outside," said Dark.

Whether it's outside having fun or competing in outdoor track activities, Josh Dark brings a certain amount of energy and charisma to those around him.

He hopes to be successful in this year's nationals, being held in Abilene, Texas.

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SOFTBALL: Bulldogs hope to win at home

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nice to beat our rival St. Cloud State."

On Tuesday the team traveled to North Dakota for a doubleheader. Senior pitcher Jill Struck pitched her second complete game shutout of the season in the first game, which they won 4-0. Struck notched six strikeouts and surrendered only three hits to even her record for the season at 8-8.

Senior Dayna Groom also played well, getting two hits and two RBIs.

In the night game, the tables

turned and the Bulldogs were shut out 3-0.

UMD opened their eight-game home stand with a doubleheader against conference rival St. Cloud State on Wednesday where they lost both games 1-5 and 3-4.

The Bulldogs will also be playing doubleheaders against Augustana College (April 22), Minnesota State Mankato (April 23) and St. Scholastica (April 26) at home.

The team will then have their final home doubleheader against Minnesota State Moorhead on May 5. For seniors Groom, Struck, Jensen and Lundeen, these will be their final games at home.

"Not only are these games important to our record but also to me personally, as I play in my final games at home of my career," said Lundeen.

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LANCE FISCHER/UMD STATESMAN
Lindsey Lundeen running to base after her lead-off single at home on Wednesday against St. Cloud State who they lost to in a doubleheader 1-5 and 3-4.

CERMAK: Catcher is a hard position to let go of

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His sophomore year he started in 38 of 47 games, as he continued to improve, batting an impressive .345, with seven homeruns and 32 RBIs.

Cermak only played a minor role his junior year because of elbow surgery. He continued to work hard at the plate but had restrictions on the field with such a weak arm.

"It was very difficult going from an every day starter to a reserve role," said Cermak. "It was frustrating at first but I handled it okay because the injury was nothing that I could control."

After the injury Cermak moved to first base. His junior year also consisted of him being a Designated Hitter because of the surgery.

"I miss catching and being a part of every single pitch," said Cermak. "I miss the high level of involvement, but I am just grateful that I can throw well enough to play no matter the position. Being only a designated hitter was difficult for me my junior year."

As a kid Cermak played baseball in his hometown of Apple Valley, Minn., looking up to Ken Griffey Jr., a young major leaguer who played the game like Cermak imagined, with passion and heart.

"[Griffey] was so great when he was young, he always looked like he was having fun," said Cermak. "That is the way the sport of baseball should be played, it is a fun game through and through."

As a captain Cermak tries to lead by example and claims to be one who doesn't get too vocal with his teammates, instead he puts the game first, and just asks everyone to do the same.

"[Cermak] definitely works hard," said Aker. "As a leader that's his nature, he's really a smart kid and knows when to joke around and when to play."

Cermak is among a very young team that will be challenged this year. He is currently the only senior on the roster and 2005 will be the first year UMD is fully engulfed in NCC play.

Regardless, the senior doesn't feel any added pressure to perform from his younger teammates as they look up to him to lead his team both on and off the field.

"I think there is always pressure as a senior because you want your last season to be the best one," said Cermak. "My teammates joke that I am 28 because I have been here so long, but I don't feel any extra pressure from them being the only senior."

After this season, Cermak will continue his education as he heads to graduate school to pursue a Sports Studies Masters Degree.

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"May your waters be swift and pure, may your presentation be perfect, and of course, let there be trout."

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The historic and versatile Brule River

Wisconsin river attracts anglers and canoers

By KENT PAULSEN
STAFF WRITER

Every year, thousands of canoers, campers and fishermen make an annual pilgrimage to Douglas County, Wis., to enjoy the legendary Brule River. Over the years it's become no secret that the Brule River State Forest has become one of the most prestigious vacation targets for outdoor enthusiasts of all types. For fishermen, one of the most intriguing aspects of the Brule is its biannual steelhead runs.

The Brule has been fished by five U.S. Presidents and was once deemed "the river of Presidents." At one time the Brule was full of coaster brook trout, but sadly they were fished out nearly 100 years ago and have never been able to recover. Since then, the Wisconsin DNR has rebuilt the fishery by stocking salmon, steelhead and brown trout, while the upper stretches still contain a natural population of brookies.

The Brule features nearly 50 miles of nationally-known trout water and can basically be separated into two rivers. The upper portion slowly meanders through fields and forest south of Highway 2

where it runs right through the small town of Brule. Here you will find resident brook, brown and rainbow trout as well as a few steelhead in the spring. This area is perfect for hopping in a canoe and casting dry flies for your typical 12-14 inch trout. If you are in search of something a little bigger, you will need to venture into the wild stretch of river north of Highway 2 that pours violently into Lake Superior. Along this stretch there are many parking areas and bridges that gives access to the river. Although there are nearly 20 miles of steelhead rich water here, it is a rare sight to spot an empty parking lot along this stretch of water. The section of river located north of Highway 2 opened up on March 26, while the section south of 2 opens on May 7.

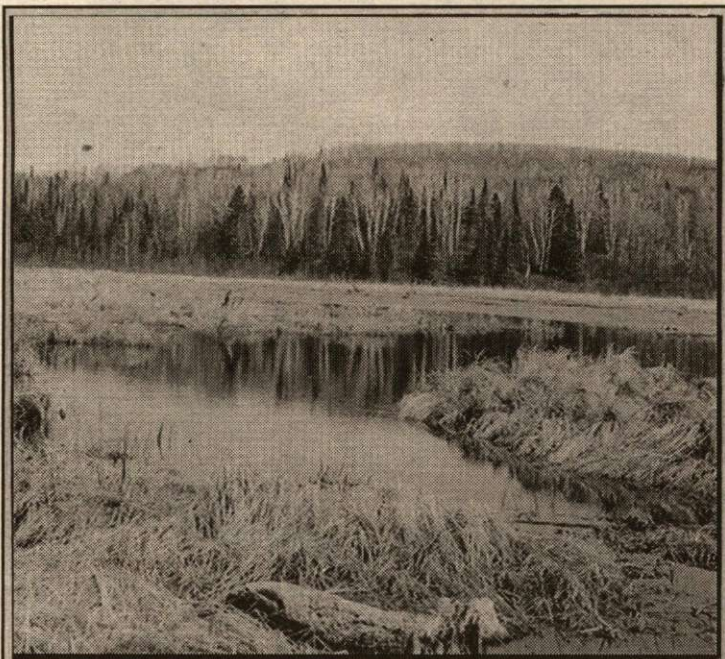
Fishing the Brule is popular among both fly and spin fishermen. The most popular fly patterns for spring and fall steelhead are woolly buggers, stoneflies, egg-sucking leeches and the simple, yet effective, yarn fly. Spin-fisherman usually drift live bait such as spawn or crawlers, but a few guys out

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TOM HAZELTON/UMD STATESMAN

The world-famous Brule River is a favorite among anglers and canoers, but its heavy current can be treacherous and demands caution.



DAN MEYER/UMD STATESMAN

A marshy pond offers bikers a nice break from the leftover snow on the Superior Hiking Trail (SHT) north of Duluth. The Duluth News Tribune reported yesterday that the SHT ranked second in the adventure section of "America's 100 Best" in Reader's Digest, behind the Appalachian Trail.

Hunting ethics and tradition under attack

By BRIAN PORTER
STAFF WRITER

While the advancement of computer technology has provided hunters with many invaluable assets, such as GPS navigation and digital imaging, current developments are endangering the very nature of hunting.

The most common example is what I like to call "canned hunting." It is the practice of raising game animals on large ranches, primarily in the southern part of the nation. "Hunters" (wielding platinum credit cards in addition to their rifles)

looking to harvest a "trophy" are presented with a list of animals from which they can choose and a corresponding "trophy fee." Rare, exotic game animals such as the Markhor (a member of the goat family, native to India) can command prices as high as \$10,000.

As an avid hunter, it is extremely difficult to understand the gratification that can be found spending enormous amounts of money for the chance to point a rifle at a farm-raised animal. Such an activity should be given a title that in no way associates it with the actual sport of hunting. However, this practice is already in the process of dealing the true sport of

hunting a serious black eye.

Outdoor television programs feature an alarming number of these types of hunts, probably because the controlled environment makes them so easy to film. It seems that "professional" hunters are only required to visit a few premier ranches, spend a couple hours in a luxurious tree house, and then harvest an oblivious animal, all the while basking in a wealth of sponsorships and endorsements.

While Bill Jordan kneels next to his latest Boone and Crockett buck, raised to perfection, sold to him by a rancher in Texas, and then shot from 35 yards with the latest plastic-

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BRULE: High spring water can be hazardous

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there prefer to throw flashy hardware including spoons, spinners and crankbaits such as the Flatfish. If you plan on fishing with a fly rod, you are going to want at least a 7 weight with an 8-pound fluorocarbon leader. Any medium-heavy spinning rod spooled up with 8-pound test should also work just fine.

While the Brule can be an exceptional river for both fishing and canoeing, it can also be very treacherous and unforgiving. Anyone who has slipped on a rock in some rapids or flipped their canoe into the bone-chilling water knows that the Brule is not for the faint-hearted or amateurs.

With all of the spring rain and runoff from melting snow, the water level gets very high and fast. This can make fishing very tough and canoeing very dangerous. Nicknames such as "Cruel Brule" or "Bitter Brule" are commonly heard coming from the mouths of skunked fishermen or wet canoers, walking heads-down back to their vehicle.

In the last 10 years, the Wisconsin DNR has worked to rebuild the Brule into a productive fishery. Although it is recovering, it is still a very fragile resource that relies heavily on natural reproduction to sustain itself. With the fishing pressure seen every year, catch and release fishing becomes crucial, even though it is legal to keep one steelhead per day over 26 inches.

If you decide to make your own trip to the Brule this spring, just remember to be smart, stay dry and put the big ones back in the water.

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CANNED: Meaning of 'fair chase' forgotten in Internet hunts

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and-stainless .300 Win. Mag., yours truly spends the better part of a weekend freezing his hind end off in a tree and then crawls on his hands and knees, tracking a North Woods spike buck that happened to walk too close to the stand. It's pretty ludicrous to say that Jordan's buck is the trophy in this situation. The point is that these establishments and those that patronize them are taking the wholesomeness out of hunting for everyone.

Unfortunately, real-time video technologies are currently being used to further trample on the image of hunting. John Lockwood, the founder of www.live-shot.com, is looking to offer web surfers the opportunity to shoot "wild" game from his Texas ranch using only their computer and Internet connection. The site features a motorized camera mount and remote activation of a rifle's firing mechanism. This contraption is supposedly designed to allow disabled hunters and others who cannot "give chase" to wild game -- and anyone who just wants to try it out -- the opportunity to do so from their home computers.

Immediate outrage was the initial reaction to this introduction, although the trial "hunt" was unsuccessful. Virginia, West Virginia and Tennessee have already enacted legislation banning this type of

"hunting," and Lockwood's home state of Texas is not far behind. Virginia Congressman Tom Davis has also introduced a bill that would allow for a nation-wide ban on Internet hunting.

Such is the magnitude of this controversy that the Humane Society of the United States (an animal-rights group akin to People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) and the National Rifle Association are united in opposition. This unprecedented agreement should serve as an indication of the degree of nation-wide opposition.

Lockwood refuses to admit that there is anything wrong with his setup, however, maintaining that people are simply afraid of something that they do not understand.

The massive outcry of opposition to Lockwood's plan has revealed the true colors of America's hunting community. It is clear that the difference between a twisted, real-time video game and an enriching outdoor experience is evident throughout the nation.

We need to decide that these encroachments upon the sanctity of our sport, whether electronic or simply unethical, can be met with the same confident resistance. Hunting is steeped in tradition and dependant on intelligent conservation of our natural resources. A clear understanding of the ethics and morals of the sport must not fall aside in the world of game-farm or point-and-click shooting.

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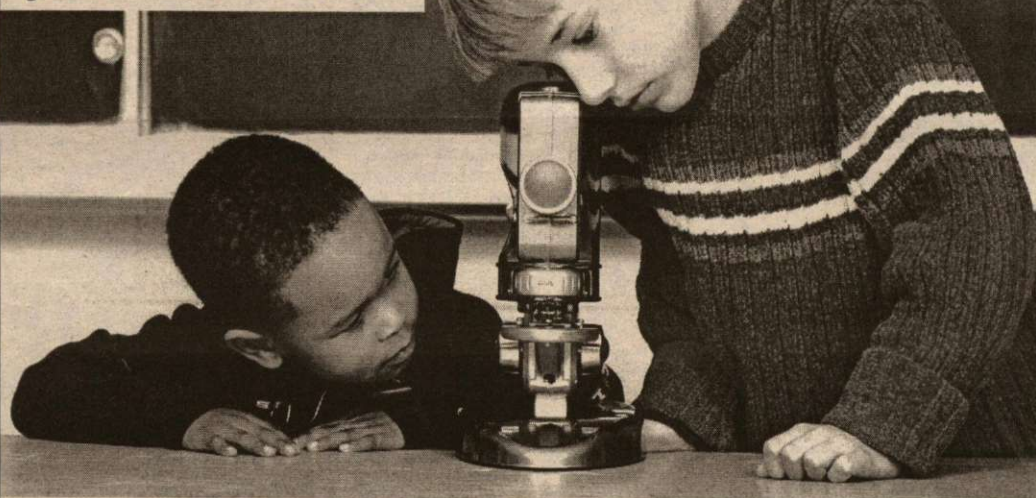
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Tuesday, April 26 - All Jazz, 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall. Cost: \$6/\$5/\$3.

Geology Seminar

"Red Rocks to Red Planet: From Utah Marbles to Mars Blueberries" will be presented by Dr. Marjorie Chan, Dept. of Geology and Geophysics, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, today at 3:50 p.m. in MWAH 191.

International Brown Bag

"The Socio-Economic and Spiritual Life of the Mayan People of Guatemala" will be presented by Kimberly Crawford, a student at the United Theological Seminary in Minneapolis, today at noon in Kirby Rafter.

Tweed Museum

Student shows: April 19-24 - Brian Bennett, Scott Gilson and Mike Frankosky. April 26-May 1 - Heather Allen, Jess Blake and Nesha Fesenmaier.

Through May 8: UMD Student Exhibition.

Through July 31: "Strategic Dysfunction-Parables of Fabrication: Narrative Sculpture" by Amy Youngs and Amy Toscani.

Extended through April 30: "Spirals in Space and Time: The Art of Leslie Bohnenkamp."

Journey Jargons and Lectures

Journey Jargons feature slides and personal experiences or trips taken by University for Seniors (US) members and guests. The Lectures cover a myriad of topics. Journey Jargons and Lectures are free and open to the public.

"Jordan" will be presented by Don Myntti, Monday, April 25,

at 11:30 a.m. in KPlz 311.

Myntti was in Jordan in October 2004 as part of a team of consultants who had the task of evaluating a government-owned phosphate mining company. Jordan is a country with a rich history, limited natural resources and a meager economy. He will share what he learned about this extraordinarily ancient land.

UMD Art & Design Student Exhibition

The annual UMD Art & Design Juried Student Exhibition will be held through May 8 at the Tweed Museum.

It features the best of undergraduate student achievement in painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, graphic design, photography and mixed media art making. Much of the artwork on exhibit is available for purchase.

This year's exhibition jurors include Sarah Nelson and Douglas Padilla.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Today - Feminist Discussion Group: "Sexual Assault - A Constant Threat," 2:30 p.m., KSC 266 (WRAC office).

Monday, April 25 - "Sexual Assault on Campus? Yes, It Does Happen" will be presented at noon in the Garden Room. Panel discussion with representatives from the UMD Office of Equal Opportunity, UMD Campus Police, Duluth Police, PAVSA, UMD Health Services and the St. Louis County Attorney's Office.

Tuesday, April 26 - Film: "Rape Is..." (30 min.), 2:30 p.m., KSC 273.

Latin American Awareness Celebration

Today - Speaker Kim Crawford, "The Socio-Economic and Spiritual Life of the Mayan People of Guatemala," noon, Kirby Rafter.

Theatre Dept.

"Sweeney Todd," book by Hugh Wheeler based on a version

by Christopher Bond, lyrics and music by Stephen Sondheim, will be presented April 28 and May 1 & 4, at 7:30 p.m. (except Sunday, May 1, at 2 p.m.) in MPAC.

For tickets, call the UMD Box Office at 218-726-8561.

Master of Environmental Health and Safety Program

Choose an exciting career in Environmental Health and Safety. Graduating seniors: The time to apply is now!

Come to our information seminar Tuesday, April 26, at 4 p.m. in Voss-Kovach Hall 201.

For information contact: UMD Master of Environmental Health and Safety Program, 229 Voss-Kovach Hall, (218)726-8117, mehs@d.umn.edu or visit our home page at <http://mehs.d.umn.edu>.

Biology Seminar

On Friday, April 22, "Great Lakes Monitoring and Assessment" will be presented by Dr. John R. Kelly, EPA Mid-Continent Ecology Division, at 3 p.m. in LSci 185.

UMD Cheerleading Tryouts

Cheerleading Tryouts for men and women for football and competition squads will be held Saturday, April 23, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in SpHC 145 (wrestling gym).

Bring a copy of your insurance card. Wear black or navy bottoms and a white top.

Bring a friend. Experience not necessary but preferred.

Questions? Contact homm0032@d.umn.edu.

Royal D. Alworth, Jr. Memorial Lecture

Werner Fornos, president of the Population Institute, will discuss "Gaining People, Losing Ground" tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Kirby Ballroom.

Fornos, winner of the 2003 United Nations Population Award, has been in the forefront of the struggle to balance the world's

population with the world's resources for more than 20 years. He was named to the *Earth Times* Hall of Fame for his distinguished contributions to the environment and development in the last decade.

He has participated in most United Nations and global conferences dealing with population issues since 1982.

Keeping the Promise, Social Security in the 21st Century

On Monday, April 25, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in Weber Music Hall, Congressman James L. Oberstar will hold a "Hometown Values" forum on proposed changes to the Social Security system and how those changes could impact families in Northern Minnesota.

After the panel presentation, the public will have an opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

The panel will include Congressman Jim Oberstar; Dr. Craig Grau, Political Science professor at UMD; Vi Bloom, senior citizen; and Charlie Wittwer, disabilities advocate.

iFILMS 2005

iFILMS 2005: independent & international films at the Duluth Public Library presents "Light of My Eyes" Saturday, April 23, 1:30 p.m. in the Main Library's Green Room. Cost is free.

UMD Symposium on Intelligent Data Analysis

AIDA, the Association for Intelligent Data Analysis, invites all interested parties to its spring mini-symposium Friday, April 22, from 10-11:30 a.m. in SBE 140.

"Measures of Semantic Similarity and Relatedness in the Medical Domain," will be presented by Ted Pedersen, UMD Department of Computer Science.

"A Neural Network Approach to the Equity Premium Puzzle," will be presented by Nik Hassan, UMD Department of Finance and Management Information Sciences.

For information, contact Professor Rod Llevano at rlevano@8383.

All-Campus Awards Reception

Please join us at an all-UMD reception Wednesday, May 4, from 3-4:30 p.m. in Griggs Center to honor faculty recipients of the following awards:

- * Outstanding Adviser award
- * Jean G. Blehart Award
- * Albert Tezla Award
- * Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Research
- * Horace T. Morse Award

All students, faculty and staff are welcome and encouraged to attend. A short program will begin at 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

This reception is hosted by Vice Chancellor Vince Magnuson and Chancellor Kathryn A. Martin.

Math Colloquium

"Medical Research: Why Is Statistics Important?" will be presented by Irina V. Haller, PhD., MS, Senior Research Scientist, St. Mary's Duluth Clinic Division of Education and Research, today at 3:15 p.m. in SCC 130.

Exit Interviews

Leaving UMD? If you will not be returning to UMD for Fall 2005 and have student loans, you are required to complete exit counseling.

Contact the Financial Collections office, 129 Darland Administration Building at 726-8103 to schedule an appointment.

The dates, times and room locations for group meetings are at www.d.umn.edu/umdbo/exit.html.

Campus Briefs Deadline

The deadline for Campus Briefs is Monday at 4 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis.

Submissions can be dropped off or mailed to K118, or e-mailed to statesman@d.umn.edu.

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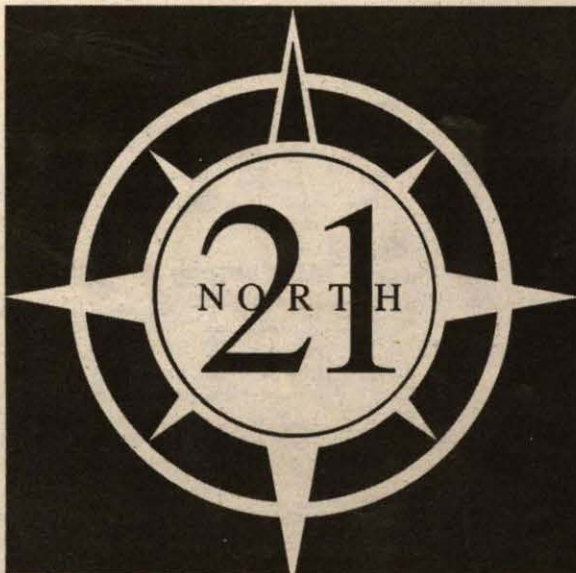
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